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Ex-Dacca officials held in swoop against graft

DACCA, March 28 (Agencies) — A former deputy prime minister and the mayor of Dacca were arrested as the army-led martial law crackdown against corruption continued Sunday in Bangladesh.

Several other high-ranking members of former President Abdul Sattar's cabinet, including a second deputy prime minister — who was said to be fleeing authorities, were formally told Sunday to turn themselves in within 72 hours. All could face the death penalty.

Former Deputy Prime Minister S.A. Bari became the highest ranking member of the ousted president's cabinet to be arrested since army chief Lt. Gen. H.M. Ershad seized control of the government in a bloodless coup early Wednesday and clamped martial law.

On Sunday, authorities confirmed the arrest of Abul Hasanat, mayor of the capital city of Dacca and former Minister of Works and Urban Development Under Sattar.

Meanwhile, former Deputy Prime Minister Jamaluddin Ahmad and three other cabinet members were told to report to the nearest martial law administrator's office. The others were Obaidur Rahman (aviation), Navy Capt. (retired) Nurul Haque (shipping), and Maj. Gen. Majidul Huq, who was minister for establishment (administration). Rahman previously had been reported in custody.

Georgia Island crisis deepens

BUENOS AIRES, March 28 (AP) — Argentine Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez said Sunday the situation surrounding the South Georgia Islands, the focus of a territorial dispute between Argentina and Britain, "continues being worrisome." Reports said more warships headed for the nearly-deserted South Atlantic archipelago.

Costa Mendez, quoted by the Argentine news agency DYN, said British Ambassador to Argentina Anthony Williams had been asked to appear at the foreign ministry Sunday morning. That would be the seventh meeting between the two men in a week.

The landing March 19 of a group of Argentine citizens on San Pedro, the largest of the South Georgias, has heated up the 150-year-old sovereignty dispute over the British-Administered Falkland Islands and its dependencies.

The Falklands, occupied forcibly by the British in 1833, sit on the continental shelf 480 kms east of southern Argentina. The South Georgias, another 1,600 kms east, are a dependency of the Falklands as are the South Sandwich Islands.

DYN quoted naval sources as saying five more Argentine warships — two destroyers, two corvettes and a submarine — had been sent to the Georgias to back up the navy transport vessel that arrived at South Pedro Friday.

Costa Mendez said the transport vessel, carrying an undisclosed number of Argentine marines, had anchored in sight of the British Navy's HMS Endurance. Unconfirmed reports from London earlier this week said The Endurance had been ordered to remove the Argentine landing party from San Pedro "by force if need be." Costa Mendez said "Argentine" would provide the Argentine lines on San Pedro with all the protection necessary.

DYN quoted a naval source as saying the marines aboard the transport vessel Bahia Paraiso had orders not to act "unless the British do."

The British Embassy in Buenos Aires said there were about 10 Argentines on San Pedro, manning an abandoned whaling station. But the Argentine company that bought the station with the proposition of salvaging scrap metal issued a communique saying there were 39 Argentines there. The British maintain a small garrison on San Pedro manning a base.

The landing off San Pedro prompted some residents of the Falklands to break into the offices of the Argentine Airline Lade last Monday and hang a British flag on the wall. The Argentine government demanded those responsible for the intrusion be punished.

U.S. urges Europe to back RDF

By Tom Martella
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 28 — The United States is pressing Europe to support the Rapid Deployment Force while some legislators are lashing out at Europe's perceived reluctance at sharing the cost of protecting that continent and international security.

In testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, top State Department and Pentagon officials told skeptical senators that Europe will share the burden of maintaining a Western alliance. And in prepared statements, reiterated under often heated questioning, the officials insisted that now is not the time for Washington to blast its NATO partners for ignoring agreed defense spending increases.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci defended European nations, saying, "I don't think it's fair to characterize them as getting a free ride on the backs of the American taxpayers." But, complained Sen. William Cohen, why should Americans "tax ourselves to defend interests that to our allies seem unworthy of defense?" He and Sen. Gordon Humphrey claimed that benefits more from a safe Gulf region than the United States — since Europe is more dependent on Mideast oil.

"Here we are stretching our necks out a mile to defend the Gulf by force if necessary when we're not in a very good position to do it," said Humphrey, "and our allies are doing nothing."

Responded Carlucci: "We're in the course of a dialogue with our allies on what might contribute in terms of military — the British have forces in the area — also in economic terms and diplomatic terms."

Neither Carlucci nor Lawrence Eagleburger, undersecretary of state for political affairs, elaborated. However, in statements to the committee earlier, both said Washington wants specific help in the region. One need, is taking up the slack in reinforcements to the American troops commitment to the alliance, which was created in 1949.

"Most of the forces which would be assigned to the Rapid Deployment Force in the event of a deployment to deter aggression in Southwest Asia would otherwise be reinforcements for NATO Europe," said Carlucci, adding that a Pentagon team went to Brussels last week to talk about the RDF and Europe's role.

"We are also encouraging our allies to provide security assistance and economic aid to select countries in Southwest Asia and, according to their capabilities, provide peacetime military presence and forces for contingencies," his statement read. Their comments before the powerful committee chaired by Sen. John Tower, come at a time when some Congressmen believe that the Pentagon is overextending itself.

King accords welcome to Stevens

RIYADH, March 28 (SPA) — King Khaled welcomed the President of Sierra Leone Siaka Stevens when he arrived here Sunday to start a three-day state visit. Stevens arrived from Jeddah where he had spent the previous day.

King Khaled was accompanied by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard. Prince Sattam, deputy governor of Riyadh, Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Solaimi who is also the minister in waiting and the Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al Naim.

King Khaled later on met with Khaled Al Wazir, code-named Abu Jihad, deputy commander in chief of the Palestine Liberation Army and a member of the Fatah central committee. The meeting was attended by Prince Abdullah.

Envoys think Brezhnev ill

MOSCOW, March 28 (R) — The sudden postponement of a visit by South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad led to new speculation among foreign diplomats Sunday about President Leonid Brezhnev's health.

Brezhnev, 75, looked extremely tired when he left Tashkent Friday to return to Moscow from a visit. Unusually, Soviet television showed no film of his return to the capital. Tass news agency Saturday announced that a working visit by the South Yemeni head of state, due to begin Monday, had been postponed by mutual agreement.

South Yemeni diplomats said they had no further details on why the visit had been postponed, but Arab observers in Moscow said the initiative had probably come from the Soviet side. They said political preparations for the visit to Aden from March 17 to 24 by Karen Brutents, deputy head of the Soviet Communist Party's international department.

The initial announcement of the visit was made March 19, when Brutents was still in South Yemen. Foreign diplomats said Saturday's announcement, which said the visit would take place at a later date, was similar to the one issued three years ago when French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing had to put off a visit to Moscow at short notice.

On that occasion, Soviet officials told their French counterparts that Brezhnev had "flu."

Bahrain rejects plotters' request

MANAMA, March 28 (AFP) — Bahrain's Supreme Appeals Court has rejected a request from 17 lawyers of the 73 accused in the conspiracy case that their clients be examined by a medical commission.

The 73, members of the Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain, were arrested last December amid reports that under the instigation of Iran, they had attempted to topple the government of Bahrain and other Gulf regimes. In its ruling Sunday, the appeals court, sitting in a remote village to which access has been barred, rejected the plea for medical examination.

The court also rejected a move to declare itself incompetent because some of the accused were minors. It agreed to a postponement of the proceedings and the trial will reopen April 5.

Europeans urge need to balance U.S. policy

OXFORD, England, March 28 (R) — Peter Dankert, president of the European Parliament, called Sunday for a more independent European approach to Western security.

He said in a speech here that Western Europe needed to seek greater unity on security matters to try to balance the influence of the United States in the Atlantic Alliance. According to the prepared text of his speech, he said: "Alliance security policy probably reflects the wishes and concerns of the strongest member. European influence is inevitably muted because we rarely present a common agreed opinion."

Arafat threatens reprisal against Israel

BEIRUT, March 28 (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat Sunday said his commandos would not remain inactive in the face of developments in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and warned the Middle East was on the verge of an explosion. Arafat spoke in an address broadcast by his "Voice of Palestine" radio station. Excerpts of the speech were carried by the nationalist Lebanese newspaper, As Safir, Sunday.

"The Palestinian revolution, in view of its position of responsibility toward its people and Arab nation and their rightful cause, will not stand by with its hands tied in the face of this criminal, imperialist-Zionist conspiracy against our people in the occupied lands," Arafat was quoted as saying. He added: "Let the whole world heed what I say very clearly that the situation in the area is on the verge of an explosion because of this criminal, fascist (Israeli) regime and its Nazi crimes."

The speech came in the second week of riots and demonstrations by Palestinians in the West Bank protesting the dismissals of three West Bank mayors. Five Palestinians and one Israeli soldier have been killed in clashes between Palestinian demonstrators and Israeli soldiers.

The Israeli government Sunday announced that it would unhesitatingly pursue actions to ensure its firm hold in riot-torn occupied Arab territories. After an unusually long cabinet meeting lasting four and a half hours, an official statement said the government would not tolerate further violence in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

Israeli officials Sunday used force and threats to break the nine-day-old general strike by shopkeepers in occupied Jerusalem, Ramallah, Hebron and Nablus. An Israeli officer Sunday placed a package of locks taken from shops boarded-up in protest in Nablus at the entrance to the home of Mayor Bassam Shakaa whose home has been blocked off since Saturday by Israeli army.

In Gaza, the army also opened most businesses by force. Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawwa and the town council issued a decree that the strike would continue. Shawwa said Israeli officials had, in one of several reprisal measures, turned back 120 trucks carrying more than 1,400 tons of oranges on their way to Jordan.

It was the first collective punishment of this size against orange growers. Observers expected the situation would deteriorate, especially since the National Arab Land Defense Committee, grouping Arab mayors, city council and businessmen, has called on Israel's 617,000 Arabs to stage a general strike Tuesday in support of Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

In Bethlehem, six young Palestinians between 12 and 16 years age were due to appear in military court Sunday for throwing stones at soldiers. In Ramallah, the third largest Christian town on the West Bank, soldiers intervened at a demonstration at an Anglican church.

In Nablus, street fighting continued for the second day in a row. Soldiers took up positions on roofs and armored cars blocked streets while youths defied them with barricades and stone-throwing.

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At Arab investors' conference

Unified investment pact to be drawn

TAIF, March 28 (SPA) — A conference of Arab businessmen and investors opens here Monday to discuss a unified agreement for Arab capitals' investment and other issues related to investing. The conference, to be held under the Arab League supervision, has been organized in coordination with the Federation of Arab chambers of commerce, industry and agriculture and the Arab investment security organization.

Finance and Commerce ministers of Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan, North Yemen, Somalia, Djibouti and Sudan will take part in the conference. Meanwhile, the Kingdom's delegation will be led by Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawood, president of the Jeddah chamber of commerce and industry.

The conference's agenda also includes a study on the establishment of an Arab investment court to settle disputes and a discussion on the investment climate in a number of countries inviting Arab capitals.

The meeting also will discuss matters connected with Arab cooperation in investments, the significance of encouraging investments, the role of Arab businessmen and investors and the obstacles facing fluidity of Arab funds.

Meanwhile, Kazem Al-Muhaidi, Gulf chamber of commerce and industry federation secretary general, said Sunday that during the three-day conference, a working paper will be submitted consisting several proposed solutions for overcoming difficulties that impede the accomplishment of joint ventures.

He called upon the Arab investors to shift forward from the adoption of resolutions to a stage of implementation. The working paper has stressed the significance of creating a suitable atmosphere for investment by doing away with influences created by various political currents.

Muhaidi said the federation's working paper to the conference, which is to be attended by more than 350 Arab businessmen, will focus on the need of giving a national dimension to investment sectors and

allowing Arab investors to play a suitable role in development projects.

Delegations which already arrived in Jeddah Sunday include those of Jordan, led by Dr. Muhammad Saeed Al-Nabulsi, governor of the Jordanian Central Bank; Sudan, led by Ahmad Saleh Ahmad, minister of state for cooperation, commerce and supply; Somalia, headed by Muhammad Ammar Jama, minister of commerce; and Yemen, headed by Muhammad Hizam Al-Shawhati, minister of economy and industry.

Others who also arrived for the conference Sunday were Muhaidi; Dr. Abdul Mohsen Zalzal, Arab League's assistant secretary general for economic affairs; Sulaiman Al-Munzir of the Arab organization for investment security; Mamoun Ibrahim Hassan of the Arab chambers; Burhan Al-Dejani of the Arab-American chamber; Yusuf Mansour of the Arab-French chamber; Bakar Twanzani of the Arab-Argentine chamber and Mousse, Anan.

SR318m Jubail sewage network said under way

JUBAIL, March 28 (SPA) — The SR318 million sewage and drainage network project for Jubail is under construction now through a national company. The project is scheduled for completion within three years.

Meanwhile, other projects to be implemented by Jubail Municipality include three public gardens whose final studies have already been completed. They will occupy an area of 10,000 square meters combined. A tender has been issued for asphalt, paving and illuminating side streets in Jubail and bids will open April 12.

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Makkah targeted for more phone works

By Philip Shehadi
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 28 — Saudi Telephone plans to double the number of coin operated telephones in Makkah this year, General Manager for the Makkah District Samir Dahlan told a press conference Sunday. The phones, ordered from L.M. Ericsson of Sweden, will accommodate the needs of pilgrims, who made some 65 calls per 1,000 persons during last year's pilgrimage season.

Dahlan added that construction of Saudi Telephone's new Makkah facility, begun seven months ago, will be complete in one month. The complex includes an administration building, an operations building, a mosque, a warehouse and a residential compound complete with cafeteria and social and recreational facilities. The administrations and operations buildings are being carried out by Kudes Co. of Saudi Arabia and the residential unit by the Dammam-based Midmac S.A. Co. Ltd.

"We're concentrating on giving Makkah as much as we can," commented Rabea Dahlan, Saudi Telephone General Manager for the Western Region. In a wide-ranging discussion of telephone service in the region, he noted that Makkah has made particularly rapid progress in recent months. One year ago, there were 20 complaints per 1,000 customers reporting line trouble. This year the average has been brought down to five per



Rabea Dahlan

1,000 lines.

One of the goals of building a large, fully-equipped compound in Makkah is to attract top-notch Saudi Arabian graduates to Saudi Telephone. Saudi Arabian engineers, managers and administrators are especially needed in Makkah, off bounds to non-Muslims. Rabea Dahlan conceded that competition is fierce between the public and private sectors for trained national engineers and administrators.

Asked to single out the most pressing problem facing telephone customers in the West-

ern Region, Rabea Dahlan told Arab News: "Demand is bigger than supply. We just haven't got enough facilities to put in right away." Although the number of lines in Jeddah, for example, is scheduled to increase from 120,000 at present to 180,000 next year, meeting demand in a city of 1.2 million is still a long way off. One key problem is just forecasting where demand is located — Saudi Telephone's development forecasting group has to make time-consuming field surveys to determine neighborhoods and new buildings where telephone growth is likely.

Telephone demand — and expectations — are rising at lightning speed, said Rabea Dahlan. Yet, so are new installations — Saudi Telephone Operations Manager for the Makkah district Charlie Baker, estimates that in five years, supply demand curves in Jeddah will finally converge.

Noting difficulties Saudi Arabian customers have reaching parties in Egypt and some other countries, Rabea Dahlan noted the "tremendous pressure for calls to Egypt. The more improvement we introduced the more pressure we get. It's up to Egypt to introduce new lines with us." However Dahlan added that in emergency cases, an operator can usually break through the bottleneck.

Saudi Telephone is taking steps to combat obscene phone calls, he said, with automatic tracing mechanisms that identify the culprit's number within seconds.

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- Cars

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Conferences and shipping lines trading to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia would like to draw the urgent attention of all shippers to the new S.P.A. regulations with which it would be the responsibility for shippers to comply.

It is particularly important for shippers to know that the rules would apply on all cargo arriving in Saudi Arabian ports on or after May 24, 1982.

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Fashion show to be held

RIYADH, March 28 — Al-Wafa Women's Welfare Society will present Thursday a fashion show of native and traditional Saudi Arabian customs at the Grand Festival Palace in Sulaimaniyah, here. The event will include folk dances representing various regions and dinner featuring typical local food. Tickets at SR200 each are available at the palace between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

German classes to begin

JEDDAH, March 28 — Beginners' and advanced courses of German will be organized by the German embassy here as of April 3, a statement said Sunday. The courses, open to the general public, will be held in Jeddah and Riyadh.

Registration has been fixed for Monday and Tuesday at the chancery, Jeddah, and the Liaison office in Malaz, Riyadh. Tuition will be conducted by university-trained language instructors.

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Best industries' prizes to be awarded Sunday

RIYADH, March 28 (SPA) — The King Khaled ideal factory prize and two other prizes from the Industry and Electricity Ministry for industrial maintenance and safety during the past year will be awarded here Sunday. The awarding ceremony will be chaired by Riyadh Governor.

The ceremony will be attended by Dr. Ghazi Alghosbi, industry and electricity minister, and a number of high officials of the ministry and national industrial organizations. Nearly 50 factories will contest for the prizes given in the shape of gold and silver shields. The fourth in a series, the contest is designed to encourage local industries to improve their production and raise the level of their performance.

The first contest was held in 1977, and the King's Prize was earlier bagged by the Saudi Porcelain Factory of Riyadh, Saudi Cement Company of Ahsa and Saudi Badr Factory of Jeddah. The prizes of the ministry of industry and electricity for maintenance were awarded to Saudi Cement Factory of Ahsa, Saudi Porcelain Factory of Riyadh and Zamil

Airconditioning Facotires of Dammam, while the safety prizes went to the Carpet Factory of Jeddah, Zamil Airconditioning Factories of Dammam and Saudi Cement Factory of Ahsa.

In another development, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Eastern Province has urged all industrialists and owners of commercial establishments of the province to abide by the instructions concerning the naming of industrial towns.

This was contained in a circular issued by the chamber on the basis of an order by the minister of industry and electricity regarding the naming of industrial town in the industrial zones created by the ministry of industry and industry in Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam, Makkah, Qasim, Hofuf and other places. The measure has been taken to make a distinction from the industrial zones set up by the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs for workshops and small industries.

The circular stressed upon the persons concerned the need to use the names of the industrial towns while making a reference in official communications.

Holy Quran contest opens

MAKKAH, March 28 (SPA) — Officiating for King Khaled, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah Saturday night opened the fourth international Holy Quran recitation, memorization and interpretation competition.

Conveying the King's message, Prince Abdullah highlighted the significance of the competition being held in the holy city where the Holy Quran was revealed to the Prophet. Prince Abdullah returned to Riyadh from Jeddah Sunday after opening the competition.

He stressed the merits of the Holy Book of Islam and of Muslims. He reminded competitors that Islam was revealed by God to encourage virtue and eliminate vice in this world. He said the Islamic world is more than ever in need today to return to the source and be governed by the Quran and the Sunnah (traditions of the Prophet).

Prince Abdullah welcomed the competitors on behalf of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd and wished them every success. He also thanked Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, minister of pilgrimage and endowments, and his ministry's staff as well as all those who took part in organizing the competition.

Sheikh Abdul Wahhab said that competitors came from 41 Islamic countries and 127 Islamic organizations the world over. He pointed out that Saudi Arabia today enjoys an unparalleled stability and security because the Holy Quran is its constitution.

The minister recalled the idea of holding such competitions was first mooted at the Tunis festival in 1977 and was warmly greeted by Saudi Arabia which offered to host such competitions.

The first branch of the competition calls for the memorization, reading and interpretation of the entire Book. The five winners of this part will receive prizes ranging from SR63,000 to SR75,000. The second part, excluding interpretation is won by five candidates who receive between SR43,000 and SR55,000. The third part on the memorization and reading of 20 parts of the Holy Book is won by five competitors who receive between SR28,000 and SR40,000. The fourth, on the memorization and reading of 10 parts of the Holy Quran, provides for the five winners prizes of SR13,000 to SR25,000. The fifth part, for the tuned and organized reading of the Holy Quran, will be won by five candidates who receive between SR4,000 and SR10,000.

China to help build \$257m protein plant in Saudi Arabia

TAIPEI, March 28 — The Republic of China will help to build a \$257 million plant in Saudi Arabia with an annual capacity of 10,000 tons of unicellular protein a year, the National Science Council (NSC) has announced.

A test model of the plant, constructed at the Chinese Petroleum Corp's Chiayi refinery, has produced the targeted two tons of protein since trial runs started three months ago, the Free China weekly reported.

The plant to be built in Saudi Arabia, which will use methanol as raw material, will be based on the test model. It is only one of many cooperation projects which the Republic of China is undertaking in Saudi Arabia.

A fertilizer plant whose construction started in 1980 is scheduled to be completed

at the end of this year with an annual production of 500,000 tons of urea fertilizer and 300,000 tons of liquid ammonia a year.

Of the total construction cost of \$257 million, both sides will provide \$100 million each, and the remainder will be in the form of low-interest Saudi loans.

The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs stressed that the fertilizer plant has particular significance in terms of cooperation with Saudi Arabia. It will enable Taiwan produce fertilizer from low-cost natural gas, while helping the Saudi Arabia to obtain advanced technology.

Currently, there are more than 100 Saudi Technicians undergoing training at the Taiwan Fertilizer Corp's plant at Miaoli in north-central Taiwan.

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:26	12:27	11:58	11:45	12:04	12:39
Assr (Afternoon)	3:51	3:54	3:26	3:13	3:38	4:09
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:35	6:37	6:09	5:56	6:20	6:51
Isha (Night)	8:05	8:07	7:39	7:26	7:50	8:21

BRIEFS

JEDDAH, — Pakistan's Minister for Labor and Manpower, Ghulam Dastagir Khan, arrives in Riyadh Monday, leading a high-level delegation to discuss matters relating to Pakistani manpower in the Kingdom. He will hold meetings with the Interior Minister Prince Naif and the Labor and Social Affairs Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari.

RIYADH, (SPA) — The Education Ministry will sign contracts with legal relatives accompanying women contractees in Saudi Arabia, it was learnt Saturday. However, the relatives should be holders of experience certificates in the field of education, apart from the normal qualifications. The experience certificates will have to be issued and validated by official quarters specialized in Sharia, Arabic, social studies, English language, mathematics, science, vocational training or sports.

JEDDAH (SPA) — A Canadian trade delegation from Alberta Province visited Sunday Jeddah Islamic Port to inspect its service facilities. The group led by E. Lark, assistant minister for economic development of Alberta, had talks with Saudi Arabian businessmen and officials of the Saudi Ports Authority. The delegation arrived to Jeddah Saturday after a visit to Riyadh and Alkhobar.

MAKKAH, (SPA) — Makkah Intermediate College's board met Sunday under the chairmanship of Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid, Western Region education director general, to discuss educational training and improving the college's programs and plans. Other topics of discussion included a study on an introductory strategy of the college's programs to secondary school students. The college director, heads of departments and the board secretary general, who attended the meeting, decided that the board meet once every month.

RIYADH, (SPA) — A three day seminar organized by the Public Administration Institute on "administrative communications" was opened here Sunday night by the institute's director general Dr. Muhammad Al-Tawil. The institute provides training and counsel to the various government departments. It also conducts field studies on the development of training programs for civil servants.

AHSA, (SPA) — Ahsa Welfare Society's board has decided to open a model kindergarten in Hofuf equipped with modern educational methods and two clinics in Mubraz and Umrah which will serve needy families. The society also is considering another clinic in Hofuf in cooperation with concerned government departments. The board has urged citizens to contribute with donations in support of the projects.

JEDDAH, — An Austrian trade mission for water technology will arrive here Tuesday on a three-day visit to promote irrigation, sewage systems, purification and water treatment services. The group will hold talks with government and private sectors representatives. It also will organize an exhibition to display the products and services it offers.

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As peace prospects worsen

Carrington to visit Israel tomorrow

LONDON, March 28 (R) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington flies to Israel Tuesday believing prospects for Middle East peace have got worse.

He said last week there seemed to be no clear notion of how to advance toward peace after the completion of Israel's return of Sinai to Egypt, due to take place by April 26. "I haven't heard anybody produce any clear ideas about that," he told the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). Britain is to provide troops for the international force that will patrol Sinai after the handover next month.

Lord Carrington will spend three days in Israel and have talks with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. "But he will not visit the

West Bank, scene of a violent uprising in the past nine days, officials said. Britain has voiced grave concern over developments in the West Bank and urged the restoration of the three Arab mayors dismissed by Israel. "We've had a number of things happen in the last year which have made things more difficult," Lord Carrington told the BBC.

Lord Carrington is due to visit two Arab states, Syria and Jordan, only 11 days after returning from Israel. The British government says it hopes the Israeli trip "will result in a clearer understanding on both sides of each other's policies and motives and will help remove evident Israeli mistrust of the European Community's Middle East policy."

Lord Carrington, President of European

Economic Community (EEC) council of ministers in the second half of last year, is regarded in Israel as the leading advocate of the EEC's peace initiative, based on its 1980 Venice Declaration.

It embodied the twin principles of involving the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in a peace process provided the Palestinians are prepared to recognize Israel.

Hassan Ali raps Israeli actions in West Bank

BEIRUT, March 28 (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has criticized Israeli actions in the occupied West Bank as an obstacle to talks on Palestinian autonomy.

In an interview published Sunday in the English-language weekly *Monday Morning*, Ali said that if the current wave of disturbances in the Israeli-occupied territories continued, "there is no doubt that we will move, as the entire world will move." But he declined to say what Egypt would do. "We must keep something in our inside pocket," he said.

Ali said Egypt viewed the last week's unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip with great concern. Israel had failed to take about 20 "confidence-building measures" which Egypt had suggested to try to attract Palestinians to join talks on giving them autonomy in the occupied territories, he added. "We consider this, indeed we consider everything that is happening on the West Bank, an obstacle in the way of possible Palestinian participation in the autonomy elections; in other words, an obstacle in the way of the autonomy negotiations," the minister said.

Mubarak gets Begin's letter

CAIRO, March 28 (AP) — Israel's ambassador gave President Hosni Mubarak a letter from Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin on Sunday that dealt with mounting problems and suspicions between the two countries and the anti-Israeli uprising by West Bank Palestinians.

Ambassador Moshe Sasson would not disclose the details of the letter, which he said was in reply to the message Mubarak sent Begin last Tuesday. He described his 40-minute talk with Mubarak as "friendly" and "positive."

Sasson, speaking outside Mubarak's Uruba Palace in suburban Heliopolis, said the West Bank situation had been discussed, Sasson said all the items that Mubarak raised in his letter last week were addressed by Begin.

Mogadishu expels Bulgarian diplomat

NAIROBI, March 28 (AP) — The Somali government ordered Bulgaria's top diplomat to leave the country Sunday "for interference in the internal security" of the nation, the official Somali News Agency (Sonna) reported from Mogadishu.

Sonna said Bulgarian charge d'affaires D.K. Yanakies was summoned to the ministry of foreign affairs Sunday, declared persona non grata, and given 48 hours to leave the country.

Sahara states meeting hits snag over Polisario

NOUAKCHOTT, March 28 (AFP) — A mini-summit of six Saharan countries due to open here Sunday has apparently already run into difficulties over the status of the republic proclaimed in Western Sahara by the Polisario Front.

Disagreements reportedly arose between Algeria and Niger at a preparatory meeting of foreign ministers Friday and Saturday, and Niger President Col. Seyni Kiechete subsequently failed to arrive here as scheduled Saturday afternoon. There was no official explanation for his absence. Algeria's President Chadli Benjedid did, however, arrive.

Algeria is Polisario's chief backer in its war with Morocco for the ex-Spanish territory of Western Sahara. A delegation from the Polisario-proclaimed government was admitted to a ministerial meeting last month of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in Addis Ababa, which provoked a walkout by 19 countries, Niger among them.

Algeria in turn pulled out of an information ministers' meeting in Senegal a fortnight ago when a Saharan delegation was refused admission.

Semi-official sources meanwhile said another absentee is Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi who was due to arrive Saturday. They said he is presented by his number two, Major Abdul Salam Jalloud.

The summit is to be held behind closed doors Sunday and Monday, chaired by

Mauritania's head of state Lt.-Col. Muhamad Khouna Ould Haidalla at the Ahmedi Hotel set in sand dunes on the Atlantic coast, 12 kms from the capital.

Other leaders who arrived Saturday to take part were Mali President Gen. Moussa Traore, host of the previous summit last May, and the head of Chad's provisional government of National Unity, President Goukouni Oueddei.

Meanwhile, Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali on his return to Cairo from Senegal said Egypt will continue to make efforts for solving the rift in the OAU caused by the admission of the disputed Saharan Arab Democratic Republic into the organization.

Ali Nasser postpones visit to Soviet Union

MOSCOW, March 28 (AP) — The planned visit to Moscow later this month by South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad has been postponed to a later date by "mutual agreement," Radio Moscow reported Saturday night. It gave no reason for the postponement but said "the date of the visit will be fixed by the two sides later."

On March 19, the official Tass news agency had announced that Nasser plans to travel to Moscow but failed to provide the exact date for such a visit.

World conference seeks official recognition of Afghan fighters

FLORENCE, March 28 (AFP) — An international conference here for solidarity with resistance movements in Afghanistan concluded three days of deliberations Sunday with a resolution calling on all governments "regardless of the law of nations" to give official recognition to Afghan fighters opposing the Soviet-backed government of Babrak Karmal.

The resolution declared the Afghan resistance to be "a reality with which the Afghan people identifies itself," having "taken up arms against the foreign occupation and for independence."

"The resistance movements ought consequently to be recognized at an international level and to receive not only humanitarian, nutritional, and medical aid, but also financial and military aid," the appeal continued.

Calling for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and the departure of "the

central government in Kabul", it concluded with a call for the establishment of "a free and sovereign Afghanistan, neutral and nonaligned, as the sole political solution to the Afghan question."

Earlier the conference, sponsored by the Italian Socialist Party and a number of European parliamentarians, was addressed by Afghan resistance fighters who told of their successes in the field and of a Soviet occupation which in three years had caused the exodus of three million of their compatriots to Pakistan and Iran.

Attending the conference were leaders of the Afghan revolt's Islamic Alliance which, since March 13, has grouped three of the six main rebel organizations: the Afghanistan National Liberation Front, the National Islamic Front, and Islamic Revolutionary Movement.

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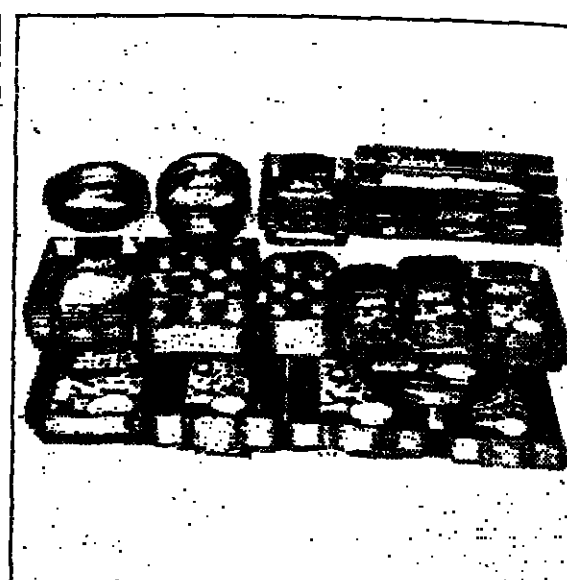
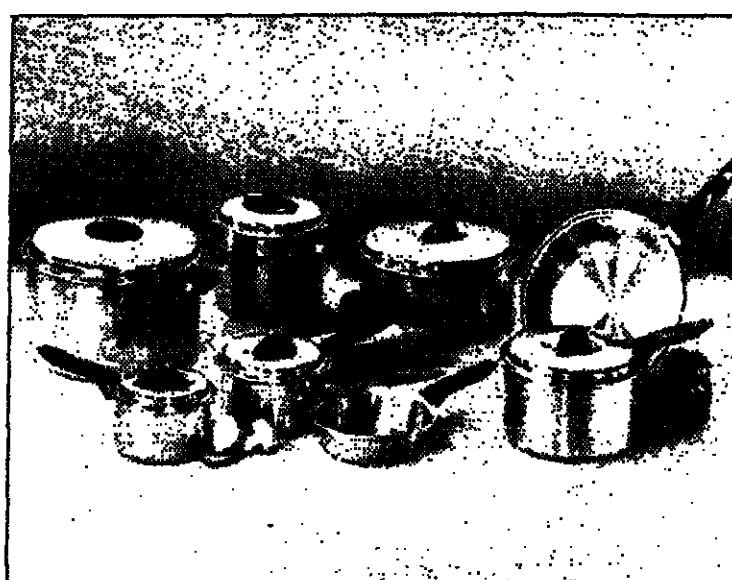
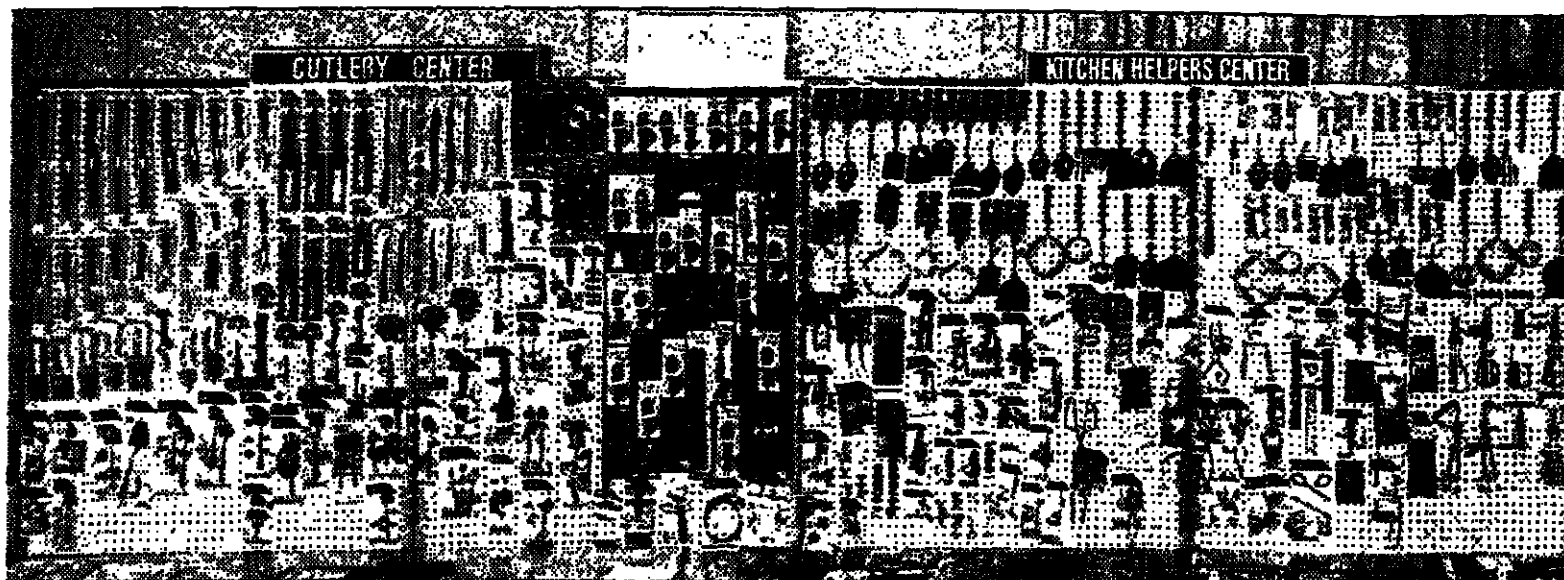
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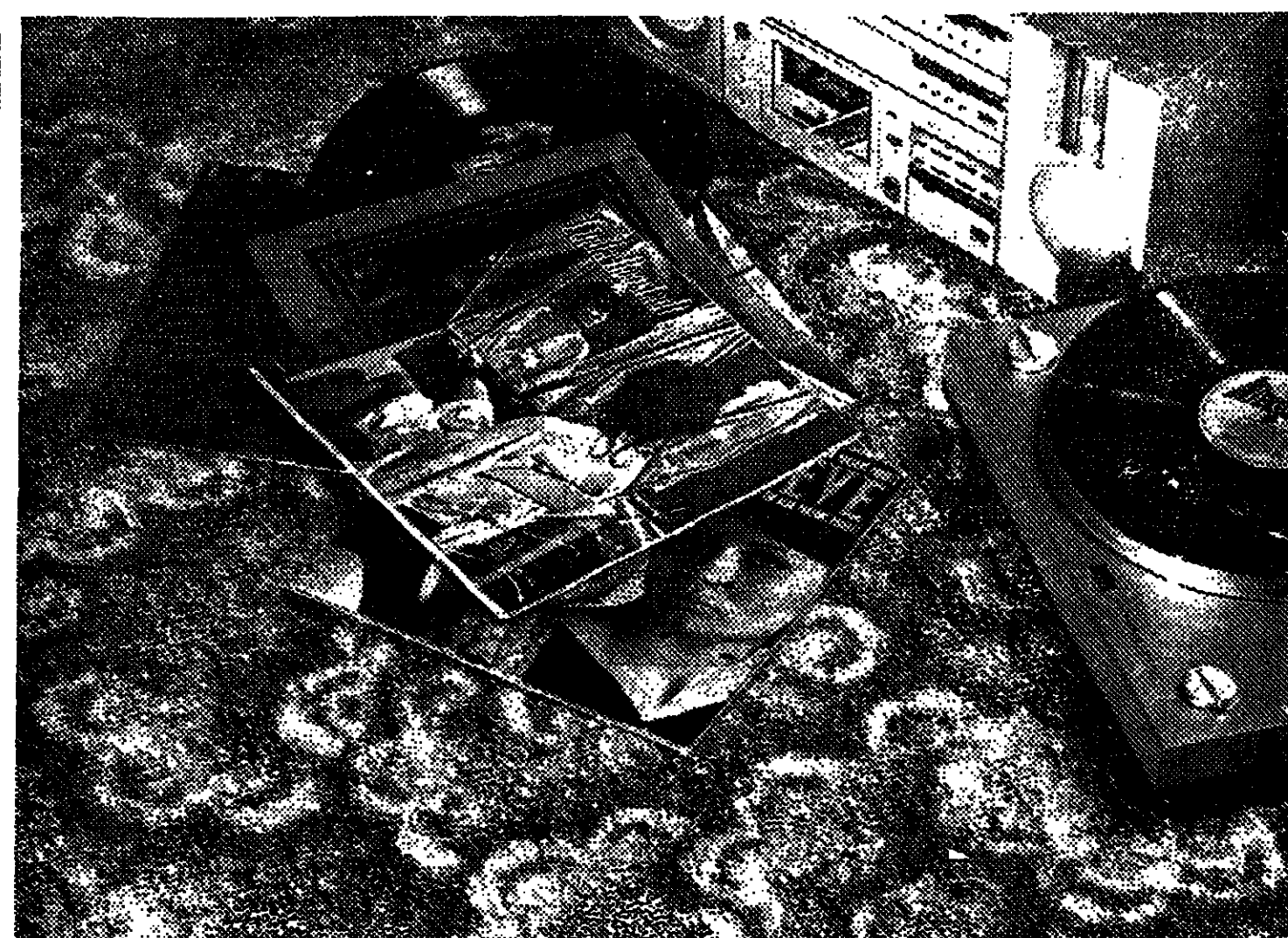
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WHO NEEDS TO BE 'RESTRAINED'?

The only official commentary from the United States about the violence now taking place in the occupied West Bank has been repeated statements by "White House spokesmen" requesting "restraint." Day after day, as bloodshed and violence are steadily increasing, official White House statements continue to call for the same "restraint," but none of the statements has clarified restraint by whom.

Even with the influence of the Israeli lobby and press on U.S. opinion, there is no question that the cause of the current unrest on the occupied West Bank is due to the government of Menachem Begin instituting new restrictions and exerting more pressure upon Arab residents. These same efforts have even backfired upon Begin, with his own parliament questioning his actions and some leaders there calling the Israeli occupation "pro-Nazi tactics."

Middle East observers and many non-Jewish American citizens view the question of "restraint" within the occupied Arab lands and the Middle East in general, as a question of exactly how far the foreign policies of the United States should go. Perhaps that is exactly where the "restraint" is necessary to nip the whole problem at its roots.

Not only does U.S. foreign policy provide the arms and ammunition to Israel and enable it to continue the violence in the occupied Arab territories, at the same time it creates a chain-reaction process which creates turmoil throughout the Middle East.

Iraq, for instance, has protested on several occasions that the United States should stop supplying arms to Israel and thus solve many crises occurring in the Middle East. Iraq claims that U.S. arms and ammunition are being spread all over the Middle East and even being used against it by Iran. Of course this issue complicates U.S. claims that it is "strictly neutral" in the Iraq-Iran war and at the same time causes many to wonder about their neutrality in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

At the same time, the United States continues to push the Camp David accords as though they were still a viable alternative. Again, restraint is called for, or is this insistence on promoting failing causes part of an underlying plan to continue the conflict in the Middle East as long as possible in order to help the U.S. economy? After all, if U.S. arms sales were cut back that would mean another blow to U.S. employment and under current American deficit budgeting that blow could be the one that politically shakes the Reagan administration.

Saudi Arabian press review

The revolt of Arab Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and the emergency meeting of Arab foreign ministers in Tunis next Tuesday were the main topics for editorial comment in Sunday's newspapers.

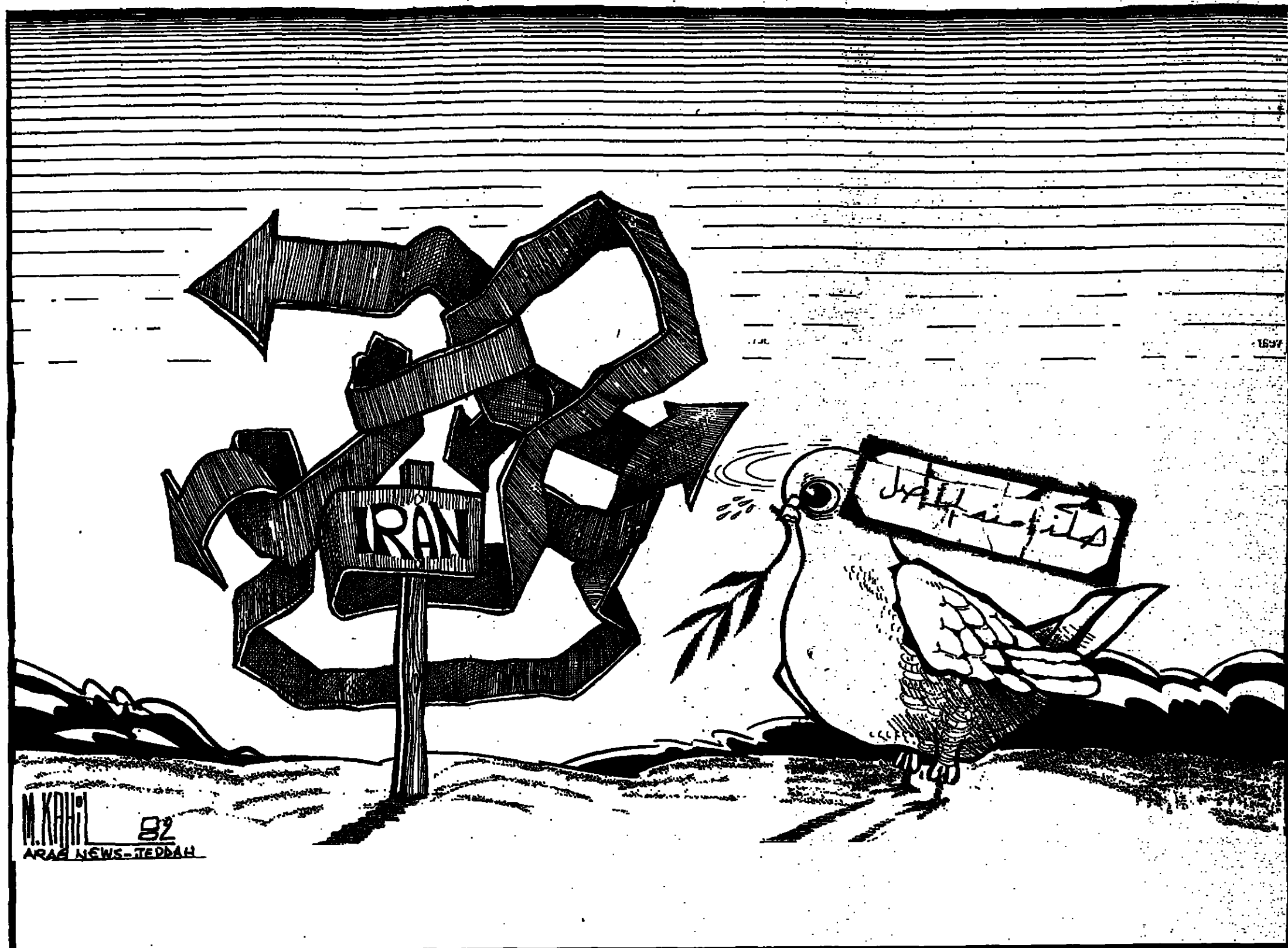
Al-Jazirah noted that the Palestinians' uprising against repression and the well-organized plans for annexing their lands have proved to the world that "the Arabs will never succumb to the Israeli will, which aims at the genocidal liquidation of the Arab race."

"The revolt may not lead to an end of Israeli occupation of the Arab lands, but it will certainly provide a great lesson and experience to the Arabs for dealing with the occupation forces," the paper added.

practices committed by the Zionist occupation troops in countering the revolt of the West Bankers "are in harmony with terrorist Begin's plans in the Middle East region."

Al-Nadwa called on the Arab states to settle their differences and unify their ranks for facing the Zionist challenges. It urged all the Arab states to extend assistance and support for the Palestinian fighters, "who are faced with a dangerous enemy armed with the most sophisticated arms in the world."

Dealing with the emergency meeting of Arab foreign ministers to discuss the West Bank uprising, **Al-Bilad** called on the Arab states to take effective measures against the continued Zionist aggression



Iran scuttles Iraq's peace offer

By Liz Thurgood

LONDON — Iraq's call for a fact-finding committee to end the Gulf war has been met by what appears to be a big Iranian offensive aimed at capturing further chunks of the oil-rich province of Khuzestan in southern Iran. Initial reports from the area were confused, with the Iranians claiming that their forces had crushed Iraqi strongholds west of Shush and Dezful, killing or wounding 10,000 enemy troops and capturing 3,000 more.

Iran's latest offensive might explain why the Iraqi call, made last week by President Saddam Hussein, met with such a chilly reception in Tehran. In addition to recently winning back large areas of the 6,000-square-mile territory taken immediately after the September 1980 invasion, Iran had just announced a key agreement with the Syrians aimed at toppling the Baghdad regime.

In a letter to Guinean President Sekou Toure, chairman of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), the Iraqi president said he hoped the committee would establish who was responsible for starting the 18-month-old war. "The truth will emerge clearly so that the Islamic peoples and world public opinion can be better acquainted with the extraordinary circumstances which caused the armed conflict," he wrote.

Baghdad had earlier indicated a tentative willingness to negotiate troop withdrawal. Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan was quoted earlier this month as saying that Iraq was prepared to withdraw in stages before the conclusion of a peace agreement, providing that talks have begun "directly or through other parties" and show satisfactory signs of progress.

Such reports of peace-making were lent an extra dimension by the recent visit of an OIC team to both Tehran and Baghdad. Some progress had been made, said an OIC spokesman, but the two sides were still far apart.

Ayatollah Khomeini last week dismissed all prospects of peace negotiations with Iraq. He underlined the "great losses" — both human and material — that "had been inflicted upon Iran."

Political suicide was in fact, precisely what Tehran had earlier written into its conditions for a ceasefire: in addition to a fact-finding committee, Tehran insists on an Iraqi withdrawal from Iranian territory before negotiations and the payment of massive war reparations. Iraq obviously finds such terms humiliating.

Tehran, on the other hand, has discovered that protracted war has its benefits. Despite the horrendous economic and human cost, the war has rallied disparate — even dissident — elements in the name of revolution and Iran.

Pressure on the Iraqis to end what is believed an unpopular war increased last week when Tehran and Damascus agreed to unite their efforts in "a progressive Islamic front" against the Iraqi regime. Talks between the two ended in an economic agreement that would free the Syrians of the Iraqis as their traditional oil supplier.

Under the agreement, Tehran will supply the Syrians with 8.8 million tons of crude annually, meaning that Damascus would no longer be dependent on Iraqi supplies via the pipeline to the Mediterranean which can be sabotaged at any time. Despite the war, Iraq still pumps about 900,000 barrels daily through Syria and Turkey (down from an estimated 1,400,000). (ONS)

By John Morrison

MOSCOW — Peking's cool response to President Leonid Brezhnev's offer of improved relations is unlikely to kill Moscow's hopes that one day China will nibble the bait. Brezhnev's offer last Wednesday involved no fundamental shift in the Soviet line toward China, which has always emphasized Moscow's readiness to mend fences without preconditions.

But several aspects of Brezhnev's remarks have sparked considerable interest among foreign embassies here and even speculation that the beginning of the end of two decades of Sino-Soviet conflict may be in sight.

Relations between Moscow and Peking, allies in the 1950s, deteriorated slowly over a decade to a low in 1969 when their troops clashed on the frontier. Diplomats here believe any Sino-Soviet rapprochement will probably come about at the same glacial speed, and no dramatic surprises comparable to President Nixon's 1972 Peking visit can be expected.

The original causes of the Sino-Soviet rift, now half-forgotten, were ideological. It was followed by a mainly artificial border dispute, which was more of a symptom of worsening relations than their cause. Now the ideological invective and the border dispute have lost much of their bitterness, giving way to a traditional geo-political struggle for dominance in Asia.

The timing of Brezhnev's offer to China, both Western and Chinese sources here agree, was prompted by a desire to take advantage of current

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Namibia's dual-voting impasse

By Denis Herbst

LONDON — Western proposals for a controversial dual voting system threaten to destroy five years of negotiation over the independence of Namibia. The voting system has been approved by South Africa but rejected as too complex by the African "front-line" states and by SWAPO, the liberation movement. So serious is the impasse that SWAPO is calling for direct talks with South Africa.

Last week, as if to underline the lack of progress, a South African force invaded Angola, and claimed to have killed more than 200 members of SWAPO.

After a meeting in London recently, senior officials from the Western nations issued an anodyne "little progress" communiqué. Afterward Hideo Hamutenya, SWAPO's information spokesman, said: "If the West and South Africa refuse to budge on the voting system, we might have to report back to the Security Council that their efforts have failed." In 1977, the council had allowed the Western "contact group" (Britain, the United States, Canada, France and West Germany) to seek an agreement in the 30-year dispute over Namibia's future.

The dual voting system devised by the Western countries is unique in colonial Africa, though similar to the West German system. Half the candidates would be elected in single-member constituencies and the other half by proportional representation from a national list.

This writer has obtained a photocopy of a document marked "confidential" which was drawn up earlier this month by the American ambassador in Zambia and presented to ministers of African

"front-line" states meeting in the Mozambique capital, Maputo. It contains a "sample ballot form." The electorate of over one million, most of them illiterate, will be asked to consider seven candidates and make two choices, first for a candidate, then for a party. Voters will be helped by symbols — SWAPO's flame, the South African-backed Democratic Turnhalle Alliance with a Churchillian "two fingers up," and perhaps a springbok for the white nationalists.

The Western document claims the system comprises the best of two worlds, and the British Foreign Office said the document was intended to "elucidate and clarify" the dual voting system. In fact, the African states hardly considered it, having rejected it outright two months earlier as too "complex and difficult."

When Hamutenya met the British Foreign Office Africa minister, Richard Luce recently, he asked how his aged mother was expected to understand the ballot paper. "We want either single member constituencies or proportional representation, but not both," he says.

The issue is crucial because the vote will elect a constituent assembly whose primary task will be to draw up a constitution for an independent Namibia — and a two-thirds majority will be required on the constitution. SWAPO claims that dual voting would hand vital seats to the ethnic-based parties encouraged by Pretoria.

After the London meeting, the Western five reiterated that their "objective remains to begin implementation on the U.N. settlement plan in 1982." Unless the dual-voting impasse is ended soon, that deadline could prove seriously over optimistic.

Sino-Soviet rapprochement faces thorny road

He did not elaborate. But diplomats said he appeared to be taking at least a small step toward China's long-standing demand for a troop withdrawal along the border. Brezhnev's clearest hint of how Moscow would like things to develop was his suggestion that concrete steps could be taken to improve relations in the economic, scientific, cultural and political fields.

In its past peace offers to China, and there have been many, Moscow generally has taken a different tack, proposing the adoption of joint documents on principles of relations as a first step.

Diplomats here said Brezhnev's words pointed toward a Soviet desire for "ping-pong diplomacy," or contacts of the kind which ushered in Sino-American détente in the early 1970s. This would allow China to improve relations with Moscow without losing face and appearing to drop its preconditions for holding formal talks.

Low-level contacts of the kind which would have been unthinkable a few years ago have in fact already taken place. Including the participation of a Chinese team in last year's world gymnastics competition in Moscow. Three Chinese economists are now visiting the Soviet Union on a study tour. Chinese officials say such trips have no political significance, but further exchanges are possible.

China's response so far to Brezhnev has been cool but far from short of outright rejection. A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said Peking rejected Brezhnev's attacks on China — which were by past standards exceptionally brief and mild. "In Sino-Soviet relations and international affairs, what we attach importance to are the actual deeds of the Soviet Union," he said.

Diplomats here said the Chinese reply avoided spelling out any preconditions which Moscow would have to fulfill for improved relations, such as withdrawal from Afghanistan.

They said the phrase "actual deeds" could be read as an invitation to Brezhnev to follow up his speech with some practical concession to China. One Western diplomat, who speculated on these lines, said his colleagues in Peking probably took a less positive view of the Chinese statement.

Any Sino-Soviet rapprochement is likely to be slow and painful, but both powers are acutely aware

that their poor relations serve the interests of neither. Moscow, facing the threat of a renewed round in the arms race with the United States, would be well served by reduced tension on its eastern border with China. (R)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, March 29th, the 88th day of 1982. There are 277 days left in the year.
Highlights in history on this date:
1673 — Test Act, which excludes Roman Catholics from office in England, receives royal assent.
1792 — Sweden's Gustavus III is assassinated.
1801 — Britain seizes Danish and Swedish islands in West Indies.
1830 — Spain's Ferdinand VII passes law allowing females to be heirs to throne.
1849 — Britain annexes Punjab in India by treaty with Maharajah of Lahore.
1864 — Ionian Islands are ceded by Britain to Greece.
1867 — British North America Act establishes dominion of Canada.
1946 — New constitution in Gold Coast, which becomes first British African colony with majority of Africans in legislature.
1947 — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig says the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact nations are moving troops toward Polish borders.
1951 — Chinese government rejects U.S. offer for truce discussions in Korea.
1973 — Last American troops leave South Vietnam, ending direct military role of the United States in Vietnam war.
1981 — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig says the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact nations are moving troops toward Polish borders.
Thought for today:
We think according to nature. We speak according to rules. We act according to custom. — Francis Bacon, English writer (1561-1626).

U.S. spending authority questioned

Constitutional amendment plan would end unbalanced budgets

By Andrew Nibley

WASHINGTON, (R)—American voters, state legislatures and President Reagan's massive budget deficits may force Congress this year to approve a constitutional amendment limiting its own authority to spend and tax.

Members of Congress have traditionally been reluctant to tamper with the U.S. Constitution, a relatively simple document that has been the foundation for political, economic and judicial policies for more than 200 years.

The constitution, which established Congress, the presidency and the Supreme Court, has been amended only 16 times since 1791.

Any constitutional amendment passed by Congress must still be approved by three quarters of the states before it can become law.

But pressures are building this year that may compel Congress to act on what has become known as a budget-balancing constitutional amendment.

Recent public opinion polls show that nearly 85 percent of the American electorate favors a balanced budget and almost 70 percent think it should be required by the constitution.

In addition, 31 of the 50 state legislatures have exercised their rights to petition Congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of passing a budget-balancing resolution.

Only three more states are needed before Congress will be forced to call such a convention. If the convention approved an amendment, it would then be sent back to the 50 state legislatures for possible ratification.

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan recently endorsed the idea of a budget-balancing amendment and a top White House aide has predicted that it would be approved by President Reagan and endorsed by the Senate.

Two groups that have long advocated a balanced-budget requirement, the National Tax Limitations Committee and the National Taxpayers Union, have embarked on an intensive media and lobbying campaign designed to force Congress to act on the amendment this spring.

But the amendment itself would not actually require Congress to balance the budget. Instead it would limit the amount of taxes Congress could raise and the money it could spend in a given year to the amount of growth in the economy in the preceding year.

For example, if the economy grew by 10 percent one year, Congress would be allowed to raise taxes and spending by only 10 percent in the following year.

Proponents concede that a deficit would

result if the economy should suddenly slide into recession, as it has this year, causing tax receipts to be much lower than anticipated.

But they argue that its main intent is not to balance the budget but to limit the growth of government spending.

They note the amendment has a safety valve allowing Congress, on a three-fifths vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, to go outside the tax and spending limits of the amendment in a critical economic year.

The amendment has won growing numbers of backers this year.

Congress is currently grappling with the president's 1983 budget, which projects unprecedented deficits of nearly \$100 billion for this year and next.

Virtually every member of Congress has publicly deplored the deficit projections, saying they will either re-ignite inflation or keep U.S. interest rates at such high levels that economic recovery will be improbable, if not impossible.

Backers of the budget-balancing amendment said last week they are only six votes short of winning Senate approval and 117 votes shy of winning passage in the House.

Most of the amendment's detractors in Congress, such as Democratic Senator

Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, complain it would place members in a "strait-jacket" and limit their ability to move quickly during difficult economic times.

But backers say that even if Congress were to adopt the amendment this year, it would be logistically impossible for it to take effect before the 1986 financial year. This, they say, should give Congress more than enough time to adjust.

William Niskanen, a member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, has predicted that President Reagan will endorse the amendment.

Reagan was an avid backer of a balanced budget amendment when he was governor of California and campaigned for the presidency on a pledge to balance the budget by 1984, a goal he was later forced to abandon.

Michael Baybeck, a Los Angeles public relations executive hired to push the amendment, notes the idea is hardly new.

"Thomas Jefferson wanted to make a balanced budget part of the constitution at the original convention back in 1787," Baybeck said.

"Everyone nodded their heads, but said: 'We do not have to make it part of the constitution. Congress would not be stupid enough to spend more than it takes in.'"

East Europe boosting nuclear power programs

By Kenneth Jantz

VIENNA (AP)—While plans for nuclear power plants are being abandoned in the West because of growing expense and opposition, Eastern Europe is forging ahead with ambitious power projects.

The Communist countries of Eastern Europe are planning to increase sharply their reliance on nuclear power and have set high goals for expansion.

Figures from the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency indicate there are 46 nuclear power plants in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Forty more are under construction. That would be the greatest percentage increase in nuclear power output by 1990 of any region on the globe, the agency said.

The region's trend toward nuclear power was accelerated by the poor performance of the Soviet bloc's centrally planned economies last year.

In the United States, construction is being stopped on 19 atomic plants, partly because of fierce resistance on the part of local communities, according to findings of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington, reported here.

Increasing costs of construction and expensive safety features combined with a decreasing growth rate in demand for electricity also helped stop work on some U.S. atomic plants.

Most East European cities are dimly lit after dark and neon signs are uncommon. In cities throughout Romania, which has one of the Soviet bloc's hardest-hit economies, authorities imposed regular cutoffs of electricity as part of a fuel-saving program.

"Increases in energy production can only be obtained from the development of nuclear energy," Czechoslovakia's state-run Ceteka news agency said recently.

But in the West anti-nuclear demonstrators from France to the U.S. Western state of California have battled police during the last year to stop nuclear power projects. They stopped further atomic construction in Belgium, halted work on what was to be France's largest nuclear power plant and continued to stall West German plans for new plants.

Official media reports on Eastern Europe's national nuclear programs are infrequent, but most dispatches emphasize the environmental protection measures that

Asean economic cooperation 'slow'

By Prakash Chandra

SINGAPORE (Depthnews)—Members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) have found it harder to promote economic cooperation among themselves than to present a common front on matters of common internal interests.

This is a frank assessment of Seiji Naya, a noted Asian economist, in a background paper on the Asean for the Manila-based Asian Development Bank. Asean is composed of Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

In some respects, says Naya, "their collective approach to these matters has outshone their efforts to promote economic cooperation among themselves. By speaking with one voice, Asean countries have been able to command the attention of the major economic powers and to enhance their stature and visibility in the internal economic community."

Hence, the decision to open dialogues with the European Economic Community, Canada, the United States, Australia and Japan is a clear sign that given the political will, Asean can achieve its economic goals.

According to the background paper, "the success Asean has achieved in these dealings with other countries has increased the cohesiveness of its member countries and some of the obstacles impeding greater cooperation have been surmounted."

The paper notes that there are "sound economic reasons to justify a stepped-up pace for the expansion of economic cooperation among Asean countries." But behind a

facade of agreements, a series of meetings, joint declarations and committee work, one factor stands out clearly like a sore thumb.

This is the slow pace of government cooperation in Asean. As the background paper notes, "some businessmen in Asean have expressed impatience with the slow progress of the government-sponsored regional industrial projects, the preferential trade arrangements and the regional complementation schemes."

As a result, these businessmen have begun advocating Asean joint ventures with minimal official support. It has been noted that the Asean is one of the world's fastest growth centers, with 10 percent rate of growth recorded in Indonesia and Malaysia.

But the fact remains that the progress made so far is not keeping pace with the opportunities presented by such rapid economic growth in Asean countries.

Experts point out that serious efforts to promote regional economic cooperation under the aegis of Asean began only five years ago. The potential benefits which can be derived from regional cooperation are now becoming more widely and keenly appreciated in government and business circles in Asean countries.

Apparently, however, the Asean governments were in such a hurry to demonstrate their solidarity that they launched several projects under the complementary plan even without adequate feasibility studies.

The Naya paper has noted that as a result, Singapore's diesel engine project had to be dropped. Problems also arose from the Thai soda ash plant and these have still not been

satisfactorily resolved.

The Philippines had to substitute its own project by a pulp and paper plant which was later replaced by a copper project. Only Malaysia and Indonesia's urea projects have gone ahead, despite some early financial problems. Both are expected to be in operation sometime in 1984.

Observers point out that although backed by considerable political will and show of political solidarity, the fact remains that the fast growth rate in some Asean countries is not due to economic cooperation.

According to the paper, Asean countries are seeking to promote industrialization through manufactured exports. The most optimistic scenario of future world trade suggests that the growth rate in industrialized countries' demand for exports of manufacturers from developing countries in the '80s will be roughly the same as in the '70s. The most pessimistic view is that growth rate in this decade will be less than half of that in the 1970s.

Asian economists warn that if Asean countries are to promote industrialization through export promotion, they have no option but to seek markets in the fastest growing economies which will be their own.

A similar view was also expressed by a United Nations report which spelled out the framework of the concept of Asean economic cooperation. The report had clearly warned that Asean will have to depend on inter-regional trade rather than bank heavily on the export of their manufactured goods to the West.

Meanwhile, Asean has taken steps to reduce the tariff wall over 6,000 items. The basic agreement on preferential trading arrangement was signed in February 1977 after the Asean ministerial meeting in Bali, Indonesia.

But an eminent economist points out that the 6,000 items covered represent only a small proportion of the types of goods traded between Asean countries and the tariff reduction has been comparatively small, at most, only 10 percent.

The product-by-product negotiation procedure is slow and cumbersome. Consequently, economists note that there has been no spectacular growth in intra-Asean trade.

Institutions like the ADB have, therefore, advised the Asean council of ministers to expand their own intra-Asean trade. The aim should be to step up the rate of tariff reductions so that the volume of trade would go up.

As Naya comments: "During the first nine years of its existence, Asean was long on expectations about economic regional cooperation but short on specific measures promoted."

However, it is possible that during the period of rapid growth in production and trade in the world economy, the dynamism will pass to the resource-rich Asean members which are less dependent on external markets than East Asian countries.

U.S. base in Philippines
decried as boon and bane

By Joel Palacios

OLONGAPO, Philippines, (R)—Until recently, the presence here of the U.S. Navy's largest logistical support facility in the western Pacific has been the envy of most Philippine cities.

The Subic Bay Naval Base in Olongapo City, 60 miles (95 km) northwest of Manila, generates about \$150 million annually, mostly in wages of more than 20,000 Filipino workers and 6,500 U.S. servicemen.

But the once peaceful fishing village of Olongapo has been showing signs of unrest and officials are blaming the American presence for giving it the image of a crime ridden city.

Because of the military base, the population has risen because of the influx of businessmen and traders, entertainers, pickpockets and even scavengers who live off the base's dumping sites.

The city government is pressing for more aid and participation from base officials in resolving some of its problems and lately emotions ran high over the death of a Filipino boy at the base's dumpsite, alleged to have been killed by a base security guard last month.

Olongapo Mayor Richard Gordon, who called the base both a boon and a bane, has denounced the attitude of U.S. security personnel at the base who "put a lot premium on the Filipino human individual."

In a letter to base Commander Adm. Richard Dunleavy, the Mayor said base authorities should be held responsible for the death of the Filipino, who was alleged to have been pushed into a deep ravine by a U.S. Marine.

Gordon said the base had certain responsibilities to the people of Olongapo because "it has attracted all sorts of people to the city, including the criminal elements."

"Because of the military base, our city's operating budget has to be higher, rapid wear and tear of our roads require higher maintenance cost, and we need more policemen to protect our visitors...and yet we are prevented from making use of our natural asset—Olongapo Bay," the mayor said.

The naval base, which supports the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the western Pacific, covers a total of 62,000 acres.

It was established in 1904 to support the U.S. Asiatic Fleet but was occupied by the Japanese forces when they overran the country during World War II.

An expanded U.S. Seventh Fleet in the mid-1960s, however, has made Subic Bay one of the busiest ports in the western Pacific. Olongapo has developed into a city of 160,000 people compared with a population of 40,000 in 1963.

The city has no major agriculture, com-

merce or trade except the naval base and other base-related businesses.

Olongapo residents are pressing for more direct aids such as the building of roads, schools and other public utilities.

The base's public affairs officer, Lt. Cmdr. Frederic Leeder, said the lease on the base expires in 1991 but is being reviewed every five years under the military bases agreement between the Philippines and the United States.

Leeder said that about \$200 million in economic support funds is being programmed for communities surrounding U.S. bases in the country as part of the military bases agreement.

"Although the base can donate some of its surplus materials to the city and extend help during emergency cases, it would not be in a position, however, to grant direct and like building schools and other public utilities," Cmdr. Leeder said.

Cmdr. Leeder said the death of the Filipino boy at the dumpsite was accidental and denied the allegation that he was pushed by a Marine.

The Navy has conducted an extensive investigation and remains convinced that the fall and subsequent death of the Filipino were accidental, "he said.

The Olongapo Police, however, have filed charges of homicide against the Marine.

Despite their differences, the city and the naval base authorities seem to have been successful in maintaining a cordial relationship.

"Our relationship is still outstanding and we keep the communication lines open," Cmdr. Leeder said.



SIMPLE PLEASURE: These two Filipino children, a boy and his little sister, find simple pleasure from playing in a discarded wooden box. When children have no toys to play with they will find a substitute like this.

Renowned conductor

Simon Rattle 'ridiculous 26,'
resembles misplaced Beatle

LOS ANGELES (LAT)—Simon Rattle doesn't look the way conductors are supposed to look. Conductors are supposed to be old and gray, withered and wise, dignified and formidable. They are supposed to exude elegant, macabre authority, the sort that comes from years and years of consuming composers for breakfast, violinists for lunch and critics for dinner.

Simon Rattle resembles a misplaced classical Beatle. It isn't just that Simon, like John and Paul and George and Ringo, hails from Liverpool. It isn't just that he is young—a ridiculous 26, at the moment, and he looks even younger. It is that he is amiable, candid, bright and brash, tough and inventive, healthily iconoclastic, and capable of conquering the world.

Not later. Now.

The image isn't all that farfetched. Rattle hasn't yet discovered the airs that become—or are supposed to become—the new principal guest-conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. He may be busy conducting symphonies and operas on some of the world's most celebrated stages, he may be an administrative as well as musical force worth reckoning with in England, he may be much in demand in recording studios. But he doesn't show it, or even seem to know it.

Rattle has had a busy career, a career that began when he was 15. The boy, it seems, found the orchestra at his school "frightful," so—what else?—he formed his own. Before long he entered the Royal Academy of Music,

gave up the piano and drums for the baton, won an international competition for conductors, and started making enviable, and envied, waves with the Glyndebourne Opera, the English Chamber Orchestra, the Northern Sinfonia and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, for which he had once played percussion.

He has stood at the helm of some of the world's most prestigious orchestras, including Britain's best and the Chicago Symphony. He also had forewarned his directorship of the Bournemouth Symphony in favor of the city of Birmingham symphony, a post he now holds in conjunction with binding contracts in Rotterdam and London (the South Bank Summer Festival and the London Choral Society).

"It is nice to have a musical home," he says when asked about Birmingham, which isn't exactly one of the cultural capitals of the universe. "I don't find pleasure in guest-conducting. In fact, I want to give it up. I need time to breathe, and I'm not very good at jet lag."

Rattle likes his Birmingham audience, too. "We sell out," he says, "even for Boulez and Mahler."

He is somewhat less ecstatic about the proclivity for adventure vouchsafed by the subscribers of the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

"I couldn't believe it," he says. "They walked out on the Shostakovich 14th last season. Those who stayed talked. It was awful. I did the symphony recently in England, and suddenly realized there were passages we hadn't really been able to hear in Los Angeles. That was a sobering experience."

Sobering experience apart, Rattle declares that he is very happy about his ties with Los Angeles and the philharmonic.

"Being principal guest-conductor," he explains, "means they can build a relationship with me, and I with them, a constant relationship. That's important. At the beginning, it means I will spend at least four weeks with the orchestra during the winter season, and I hope to add summer appearances when that can be managed."

Rattle professes only admiration for the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

"We are getting to know each other," he says. "Of course that takes some doing. In England ones has to beg an orchestra to play louder. In America one has to beg them to play softer."

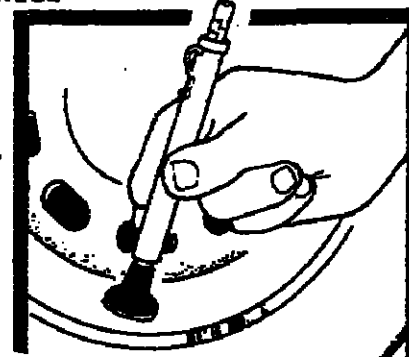
The orchestra seems more homogenous now than when I first heard it. It produces more of a chamber sound than it used to. I think it is still improving."

He looks forward to his first "Wozzeck" next season with Scottish Opera. An American soprano named Elise Ross will sing Marie. She will also appear with Rattle in Los Angeles during the 1982-83 season in a concert version of Kurt Weill's seven deadly sins. She happens to be Rattle's wife. Married little more than a year, they lead "a simple life together." What's more, adds Rattle, "we help each other musically."

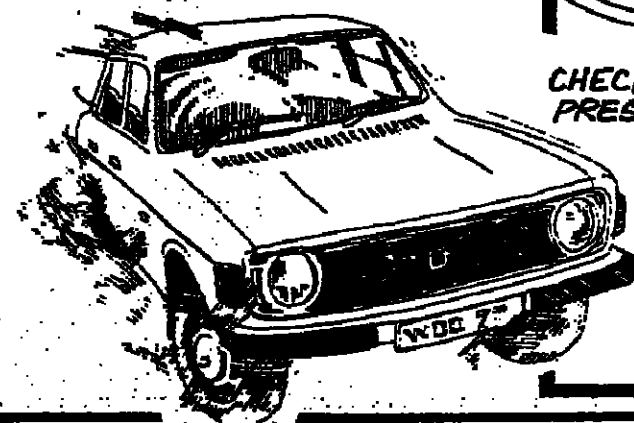
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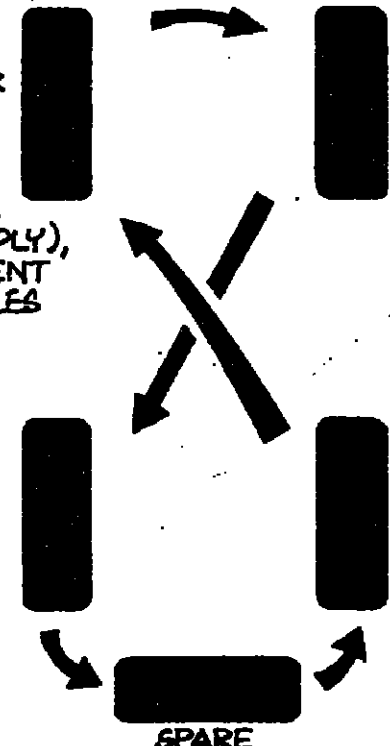
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Community health project near Dacca provides basic care, awareness of rural needs, reality

By Sumanta Banerjee

DACCA (Depthnews) — At a glance, it could be just any one of those community health projects sponsored by international aid agencies or by the government. But the Ganoshasthya Kendra, or People's Health Center, is definitely different.

The center was started and managed by a dedicated group of enterprising Bangladeshi social workers. And awareness of rural reality shapes the nature of health care being made here, 23 miles — from the capital city of Dacca.

Although it started as a health care center, the social workers soon realized that a strictly medical approach could not produce a healthy community. So, while health care remains its principal work, the center has branched out to agriculture, women's vocational training, education, and labor-intensive small-scale industries.

In fact, in an effort to reduce the control of foreign companies over the local drugs industry, the center has come up with the Ganoshasthya Pharmaceuticals to provide Bangladeshis with cheap and essential drugs. Today, the "cottage industry" factory produces nine drugs, meeting 15-20 percent of the country's present drug requirements.

Started with a grant from a Dutch voluntary organization, the factory employs local labor — 10 skilled workers and 31 unskilled laborers (27 of whom are women.).

The small-scale industry today presents a challenge to eight foreign drug companies which control 80 percent of the local market. So much so that when Ganoshasthya Pharmaceuticals tried selling drugs to the government — the main channel for drug distribution here — the foreign drug companies quoted prices less than those quoted by the People's Health Care.

It all started with the establishment of a field hospital for the treatment of injured "liberation fighters" during the 1971 civil war in then East Pakistan, leading to the birth of Bangladesh. Known as the Bangladesh Field Hospital, it changed its name into Ganoshasthya Kendra after independence, and shifted its activities to Savar. The brain behind the venture was Dr. Zafurullah Chowdhury, a dynamic Bangladeshi doctor, who succeeded in getting a plot of land from a friend. Dr. Chowdhury still remains the moving spirit — looking after the center, training health workers, expanding into manufacturing of drugs, arranging for funds, and working in the paddy fields.

Here in the Kendra, everybody lends a

hand to grow food. As one health worker puts it: "While our task is to reach medical facilities to the rural poor, we also try to train the Kendra's workers to become suitable friends to the rural poor in their fight to eradicate social and economic ills."

Another agrees: "By working in the fields, we know what hard work it is to grow your own food." As a result, many city-bred doctors who came to work in the Kendra have left. Still, many others passed the rigors.

In the Kendra's Gono Krishi Khamar (People's Farm), high-yielding variety rice is being cultivated on an experimental basis. But unlike the government-sponsored green revolution where imported expensive fertilizers are used for increasing production, the Kendra is using natural composting. It has been found that there is not much difference between the yield raised from chemical fertilizers and that from natural composting.

The most marked achievement of the Kendra during its work in Savar the last 10 years is the impact on the womenfolk.

The government's policy of exporting skilled labor has left Bangladesh short of craftsmen. In its small way, the Kendra is trying to offset this trend with its Narikendra (Center for Women's Vocational Training). It has a metal-working shop and offers training in

carpentry, sewing (still a male job in Bangladesh), shoe-making and even baking.

The metal-working shop now produces hospital beds, simple operating tables, revolving chairs, window frames and grills, and some farming tools. Women also make all types of wood furniture and jute handicraft.

What is important is the emancipation of women, achieved through skills-making, and the resulting self-confidence women now have.

Typical is the case of Amena, a mother of three children. She learned jute handicraft, earned a small salary from the Kendra by making jute goods and left her husband who ill-treated her. She continued to pay him half her salary every month for the maintenance of her children left with the husband. Amena now lives with her parents and contributes the remainder of her salary to her father's household.

Gano Paduka (or People's Shoe Factory) is another venture started by the Kendra in early 1978 as a joint cooperative for skilled cobblers. Oxfam of the United Kingdom provided the initial capital and recurrent expenses. Once profits are forthcoming, one-fourth of the profits would be used for repayment of the loan and one-fourth divided among the workers. The remainder would be diverted back to the hospital.

Gano Pashala, or People's School, is the next important venture, which was started in 1979. Children from poor peasant families are selected. The curriculum is arranged so that the child could manage to combine his or her family chores (like helping the father in the fields or carrying food during harvesting or sowing) with school work. Older students are also obliged to hold classes in the village for those who could not come to the school site. Kendra workers make no bones about the fact that they had come up against — and are still facing — heavy odds.

Twenty-five-year-old Nizam — who represented the Kendra's alternative program of providing cheap health care for the poor and self-sustenance for the landless — emerged as a challenge to the traditional vested forces. They kidnapped and murdered him and left his headless body to be buried by his shocked friends in a corner of the Ganoshasthya Kendra complex. The tomb is a constant reminder to the Kendra workers of the uphill task that they had undertaken.

There are also the more subtle fights to be waged, like cynical doctors in cities and huge foreign companies reluctant to relinquish their hold over the local drug industry. For instance, the Ganoshasthya Pharmaceuticals has to depend on imported raw materials for the manufacture of drugs. It also faces problems of getting the ingredients at cheaper rates and on time.



SMILE: Horses sometimes have to go to the dentist to have their teeth filed down. Horses seldom have cavities but their teeth do grow too pointed at times. The boy looking at the horse's new even teeth.

Reaganomics is threatening eradication of measles

WASHINGTON (WP) — World health leaders recently set a lofty and difficult goal: to wipe out measles, just as they have wiped out smallpox, with millions of immunizations in the 1980s and 1990s.

Measles is not a mere mild childhood disease, but a scourge that kills 1,500,000 children a year, World Health Organization officials explained. In some backward nations, it is the leading cause of death in children under age 4 or 5, because it causes pneumonia, encephalitis (brain inflammation) and brain damage in some children.

It can be eliminated, however, said doctors from 21 countries as they completed a meeting at the Pan American Health Organization, headquarters of the world health organization here.

The example they cited is the United States. By next October, it is "likely" this country will have seen its last case of this once inevitable childhood illness, officials of the U.S. Center for Disease Control reported.

Since an effective measles vaccine became available in 1963, measles incidence here has been cut by 99.4 percent, and the disease's course is steadily downward. There were only 131 cases reported in the nation in the first 10 weeks of this year, with none at all in most counties.

The doctors entered one political caveat, however. Measles can be eliminated "if we're not put out of business by Reaganomics," said Dr. Samuel Katz of Duke University, a conference official. He cited the probable cuts in federal immunization grants from \$24.5 million in fiscal 1981 to \$21.8 million in fiscal 1982, at the same time that states and localities are hard-pressed.

There is "a lot of anxiety" among local health officials, Katz said. But Dr. Alan Hinman, CDC immunization chief, predicted that the October goal will be attained.

Participants from all over the world agreed that eliminating the disease globally will be much more difficult because:

— In the United States, government and private doctors moved vigorously to immunize all newborns, and localities passed laws forbidding school entrance to unprotected children. Canada, Japan, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Albania, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union are moving rapidly in this direction, with Mexico, Brazil and China also showing progress. But much of resource-rich Western Europe seems indifferent, Katz reported.

— In countries such as Britain, it is "anathema" to think of "requiring" immunization, and many private doctors do not regard measles seriously, Katz said.

— Less-developed nations lack resources, and "sadly," said Dr. Ralph Henderson, WHO immunization director, those they have are often used for "curative" medical care for "the privileged few" rather than prevention of the "enormous carnage" of preventable illness in "80 percent of the population." As a result, he said, measles-borne diarrhea, pneumonia and encephalitis kill 5 to 20 percent of children younger than 4 or 5 in some countries.

— Internationally, too, money is tight. Worldwide, about \$75 million a year is now spent in the fight against measles, Henderson estimated. About \$25 million of it, including \$5 million from the United States, is in international contributions. The total will have to go to \$300 million, he estimated, with \$100 million in international contributions.

Some developing countries, he summed up, are eager to eliminate preventable diseases, some are indifferent, but all will have to do so "if they want to develop their human resources and become prosperous."

AGORAPHOBIA TURNS LIFE FROM SWEET TO SOUR



By Peter J. Steincrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: On my thirty-third birthday, my life was sweet. One day later, it turned suddenly sour. And it has stayed that way the past three months.

I'm living scared. Especially, when I leave the house. It all began, of all places, during my weekly visit to the beauty parlor.

Out of the blue, I almost collapsed with fear while sitting there. My heart ran away with itself, I got dizzy. I was sure I was only moments from dying.

This panic let up after about 15 minutes. I was able to drive home, but thought I'd never survive the trip. Since then, I've almost been an invalid, sidelined by fear.

Social life is zero. I'm afraid to be with people. I take no auto trips, locally or long distance, because I'm afraid of being out in the open. My doctor examined me. He said I suffer from anxiety neurosis. Otherwise, I'm completely healthy.

That brings me little comfort. Some days I feel better. But, most of the time, I'm too frightened to go to the supermarket. My husband does the shopping.

Pills help only a little. I'm a long way from being myself. Help, please. — Mrs. G.

Dear Mrs. G.: I can only guess. Your own doctor will need to make the specific diagnosis. I believe you're suffering from agoraphobia.

I base my hunch on two of your symptoms: the sudden onset of panic, which is typical of this condition, and your persisting anxiety on leaving the house.

Agoraphobia is supposed to attack about one person in a hundred. I think it's more common than that. Most agoraphobics do not express their fears openly. They suffer in silence and alone. They rarely confide in their friends.

Common symptoms are sudden "out of the blue" onset. Rapid heart beats. Weakness. Dizziness and fear of sudden death. Nausea may be present. An outstanding symptom is anxiety suffered in crowded places. The patient becomes home-bound.

As in your case, Mrs. G., it is often diagnosed as anxiety neurosis. Some call it hysterical neurosis. Unfortunately, many have been labeled hypochondriacs.

Why it starts, we don't know. It may be the aftermath of prolonged stress. Patients need all the support they can find — a compassionate doctor and an understanding family.

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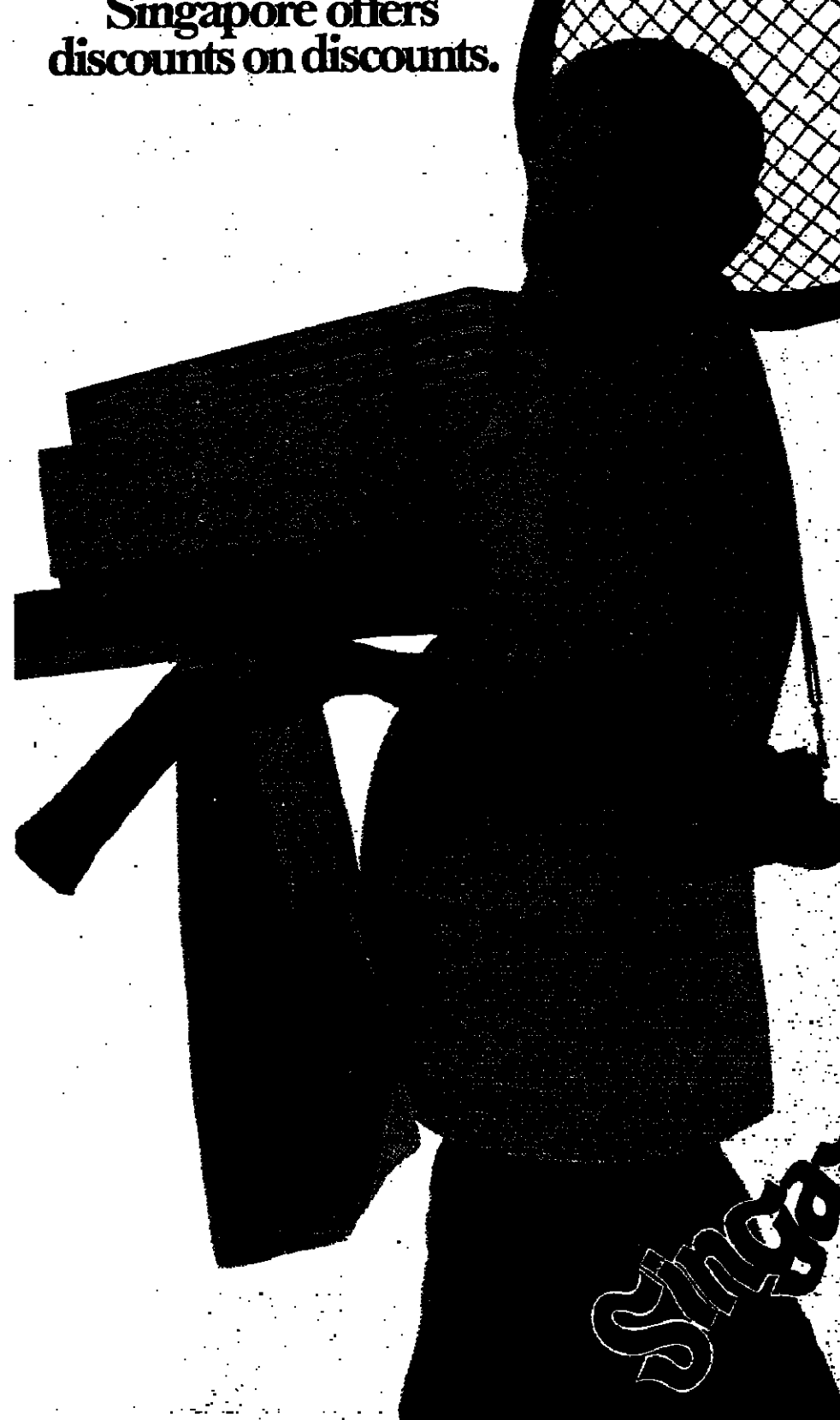
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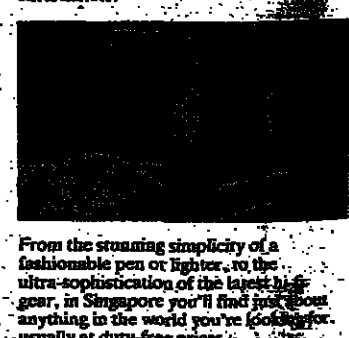
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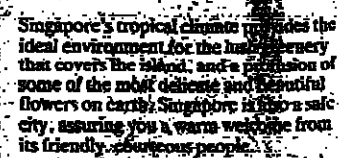
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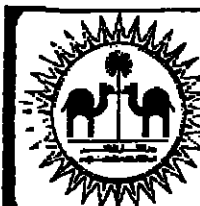
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REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have pleasure in presenting, on behalf of the Board of Directors, the annual Report of the Saudi British Bank for the year 1981.

The balance sheet of the Bank as at 31st December 1981 together with the statement of Income and Retained earnings for the year are presented on the pages following this statement.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE BANK

The year 1981 saw a continuation of the Bank's policy to strengthen and build a firm infrastructure, and develop support services to improve operational efficiency. This will provide a basis for further expansion and enable the Bank to extend its capacity to provide customers with access to a widening range of financial services.

In contrast to 1980, which was a year confined almost entirely to internal restructuring and planning, 1981 saw the first stages of some of our longer term development plans coming to fruition.

BRANCH EXPANSION

In line with our determined policy to make a positive contribution to the economic development of the Kingdom, 1981 saw the opening of 4 new branch offices, 2 in Riyadh and 2 in the Eastern Province. At the end of June our main office in Jeddah moved into newly rented premises and we continue to operate a branch from the existing premises. In addition to the Bank's Head Office in Riyadh we now have a total number of 18 branches operating in the Kingdom.

Expansion of our branch network will continue during 1982 and by the time this report reaches you 3 additional branches will be operational, 2 in the Jeddah area and a third in Dammam.

Later in the year we will be establishing a branch in Buraidah in bank owned premises, the construction of which is now more than 50 percent complete.

Construction of our new Riyadh Main Office building, adjacent to the existing Shariah Sitten site, has commenced, as also has construction on our new Main Office site in Jeddah.

We have recently successfully negotiated the relocation of Dammam Main Office into nearby rented premises which are at present under construction.

The long awaited development of the site of the Bank's Head Office in Shariah Dabaab, Riyadh, is scheduled to commence in April. The delay has been occasioned by the necessity to find temporary premises to relocate Head Office. We will move into a nearby building in Prince Fahd Street whilst the existing site is redeveloped.

During 1981 staff housing compounds constructed at Dammam, Jeddah and Riyadh were taken over from the contractors and are now fully occupied. The Jeddah site has been fully developed and Phase 2 developments at Dammam and Riyadh are in hand.

COMPUTER

During 1981 computerised services were introduced to all our branches in the Jeddah and Riyadh areas. During the coming months additional applications and services will be provided by the computer but our initial thrust has been with a view to providing improved customer service at our counters.

The impact has been substantial. Waiting time for counter services has been drastically reduced and our tellers are now able to perform a wide variety of business without the need to refer customers to other departments.

Preparations are now under way for the introduction of the computer to our Eastern Province branches and, subject to the availability of data network lines, the first stage of the programme linking all branches in the area to a computer installation in Dammam is scheduled for completion in October.

TRAINING

The Bank opened its Training Centre in Riyadh in March 1981 and during the year a total number of 402 staff attended courses of one type or another. Many of the courses involved training in the new procedures demanded by computerisation. We continue to make use of the training courses provided by SAMA and other suitable overseas training opportunities that arise.

BANK SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

During 1982 we expect to be sending up to 10 young Saudi Nationals to the United Kingdom to embark upon advanced training courses of 3 years' duration culminating in a professional banking qualification.

STAFF

During 1981 a great deal of time and effort has been spent on standardising, formalising and developing personnel policies. Some of the main areas addressed included:

- The establishment of recruitment priorities and procedures;
- The evaluation and grading of all jobs in the organisation and the design of correspondingly graded salary scales;
- The introduction of improved appraisal and reporting systems and formulation of career development and planning techniques.

These activities ultimately led to a complete review and general enhancement of the terms and conditions of employment of all categories of staff, designed to ensure that they remain competitive with those of other banks.

Despite these revised terms the major problem of an adequate supply of suitable human resources, particularly at senior clerical and supervisory level, remains with us.

It is expected that the interaction of our new terms and conditions of service, together with our enhanced training capabilities, will in time help alleviate the problem of staffing but the shortage of experienced clerical personnel could well be an inhibiting factor affecting our rate of expansion for some time to come.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

The former Merchant Banking Division moved to Riyadh on 30th May 1981 and was re-incorporated as the International Division based in Head Office. Business growth during 1981 with a total portfolio of advances managed by this Division increased from SR 217 million to SR 407

million. The Division has participated in a number of major syndicated loan facilities and also lead managed a major syndication in the private sector.

DIRECTORS

In March 1981 Mr Kenneth Bradford, who has been a member of the Board of Directors since the formation of the Bank in 1978, retired and has been succeeded by the Rt Hon'ble the Lord Denman, CBE, MC, TD.

In June 1981 Sheikh Youssef Ebrahim Radwan was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Board and was appointed as Advisor to the Bank.

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR-ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1981

The following figures, extracted from the accounts, highlight the performance of the Bank over the past 3 years:

(figures in SR millions)

	1981	1980	1979
Net income after deduction of Operating Expenses and Allowances	115.1	96.0	33.0
Statutory Reserve	63.9	35.9	12.3
General Reserve	52.2	31.2	12.5
Proposed Dividend	51.0	48.0	16.0

Our net income for 1981 after deduction of operating Expenses and allowances was SR 115.1 millions, which represents an increase of 19.8% on the previous year. The Banking Control Law calls for a transfer of SR 28 millions, representing 25% of our net income, to statutory reserve now stands at SR 63.9 millions. Your Board also proposes to make a transfer of SR 21 millions to General Reserve and to distribute SR 51 millions as a dividend of SR 17 for each share held on capital of SR 300 million. In 1980 SR 48 millions was distributed as a dividend of SR 16 per share.

A Significant feature of the financial year 1981 has been the volatile nature of world currency markets with wide swings in the values of major world currencies. In these unstable conditions we have consistently followed the prudent policy of maintaining as limited a foreign exchange exposure as possible.

The year has witnessed a substantial increase in overheads in line with our expanding branch network and modernisation programme and as a result of increased expenditure on staff emoluments.

As a result the rate of annual increase in profitability slowed down. So long as world economic conditions remain relatively stable, particularly in the Middle Eastern countries, we are confident that the Bank will continue to make good progress with further increases in profitability in 1982.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have examined the attached financial statements of Saudi British Bank (Joint Stock Company).

Our examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary. We have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our examination.

In our opinion the financial statements present a fair view of the state of affairs of the Bank at 31 December 1981, and of the results of its operations and the source and application of its funds for the year then ended, and are consistent with that of the preceding year.

For Whinney Murray & Co.

Afa H. El-Bayouk
Chartered Accountant
Registration No. 7
11 February 1982

Abdul Majeed Mohandis
Certified Accountant
Registration No. 5
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL

The Saudi British Bank was established by Royal Decree No. M/4 dated 12 Safer 1398(H) 21 January 1978 and the Bank formally commenced activities on 26 Rajab 1398(H) (1 July 1978) with the taking over of the British Bank of the Middle East branches in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) General

The Bank follows the accounting and reporting guidelines prescribed by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, and the Banking Control Law of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

b) Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

c) Revenue recognition

Commission on loans and deposits is recognised as income on an accruals basis.

d) Foreign Currencies

Foreign currency items are expressed at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The resulting gains or losses are taken to income.

e) Allowance for possible credit losses

Allowances are made for possible credit losses and these are deducted from 'Loans and Advances' in the balance sheet.

f) Investments

Marketable investments are carried at the lower of cost and market value. Unquoted investments are carried at cost with provision for any permanent fall in value where necessary.

g) Depreciation and amortisation

Freehold land and buildings under construction are not depreciated. The cost less estimated residual value of other premises and equipment is written off by equal instalments over their expected useful lives.

Establishment costs of new branches being treated as deferred charges are written off over five years from the date of opening the branch concerned.

h) Termination pay

The Bank has included in other liabilities the full amount payable in terms of the Saudi Arabian Labour Law in respect of compensation to employees if their services are terminated by the Bank.

3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Bank in the ordinary course of business transacts business with parties affiliated to the shareholders. Such transactions are dealt with on the same terms and conditions as third party transactions. In addition, managerial and staff expertise and staff training are provided under a technical management agreement with one of the shareholders, the British Bank of the Middle East.

4. SHARE CAPITAL

This consist of 3,000,000 shares of SR 100 each, authorised and issued fully paid up.

5. STATUTORY RESERVE

	1981 SR	1980 SR
Balance at beginning of year	35,867,858	12,265,663
Transfer for year	28,038,314	23,602,195
Balance at the end of year	63,906,172	35,867,858

As required by the Banking Control Law of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 25% of the net income for the year, after deducting Zakat, has been transferred to statutory reserve. The Bank may resolve to discontinue such annual transfers when reserve is equal to the paid-up capital. The reserve is not available for distribution.

6. GENERAL RESERVE

	1981 SR	1980 SR
Balance at beginning of year	31,250,000	12,500,000
transfer for year	21,000,000	18,750,000
Balance at end of year	52,250,000	31,250,000

This reserve is available for distribution.

7. ZAKAT AND TAXATION

Zakat attributable to the Saudi shareholders has been provided for based on the Saudi shareholders' portion of shareholders' funds after deducting property, premises and equipment, and long term investments.

Under the provisions of the Foreign Capital Investment Code the non-Saudi shareholder is exempt from income tax for five years from the date of commencement of the Bank's activities.

8. STATUTORY DEPOSIT

In accordance with a directive from the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) the Bank is required to maintain with SAMA at all times a statutory deposit at stipulated percentages of its demand, time and other deposits. The calculation is prepared at the end of each Hijrah month.

The Bank maintains a current account with SAMA, and a transfer from this account to statutory deposit account is made at the end of each Hijrah month in order to adjust the balance thereon to the required amount.

9. LOANS AND ADVANCES

	1981 SR	1980 SR
Loans and advances less specific allowances for possible credit losses	2,192,811,261	1,770,011,351
Less: General allowance	16,000,000	8,000,000
	2,176,811,261	1,762,011,351

10. PROPERTY, PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT

The estimated useful lives of the assets for the calculation of depreciation are as follows:

Leasehold improvements Over period of lease or 5 years, whichever is shorter
Furniture and equipment 6 2/3 to 10 years
Motor vehicles 4 years

	Land and buildings	Leasehold improvements	Furniture, equipment and vehicles	Total
	SR	SR	SR	SR

Cost:
At 31 December 1980 94,166,077 17,134,475 25,876,436 137,176,988
Additions during year 79,903,770 17,700,131 21,075,303 118,679,204
Cost of disposals — — (800,125) (800,125)

At 31 December 1981 174,069,847 34,834,606 46,151,514 255,055,967

Depreciation:
At 31 December 1980 354,636 6,557,306 5,893,004 12,804,946
Charge for year 2,130,735 4,297,930 4,538,472 10,967,137
Relating to disposals — — (305,714) (305,714)

At 31 December 1981 2,485,371 10,855,236 10,125,782 23,466,389

Net book amounts:
At 31 December 1981 171,584,476 23,979,370 36,025,852 231,589,698

At 31 December 1980 93,811,441 10,577,169 19,983,432 124,372,042

11. INVESTMENTS

	1981 SR	1980 SR
Unquoted - at cost	47,806,002	47,806,002
Bonds - at lower of cost and market value	7,584,089	6,317,039
	55,400,091	54,123,041

12. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 1981 the Bank had capital commitments of SR 219,854,306 (1980 - SR 241,000,000) of which SR 106,400,778 (1980 - SR 114,000,000) had been contracted for.

13. OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS

In addition to the engagements on behalf of customers shown in the balance sheet there are commitments in respect of forward exchange contracts.

14. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been restated to conform with the current year's presentation.

The Saudi British Bank



البنك السعودي البريطاني

(Joint Stock Company)

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 1981 (5 RABIA AWAL 1402 H)

	Note	1981 SR	1980 SR
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			
Share capital	4	300,000,000	300,000,000
Reserves :			
Statutory reserve	5	63,906,172	35,867,858
General reserve	6	52,250,000	31,250,000
Retained earnings		15,429,291	3,324,520
Total shareholders' funds		431,585,463	370,442,378
DEPOSITS			
Customers' deposits including current, savings and time		4,027,107,784	3,372,409,738
Banks			
Inside Saudi Arabia		152,352	30,439
Abroad		125,838,748	223,768,119
		125,991,100	223,798,558
Other deposits		212,475,528	166,162,955
		4,365,574,412	3,762,371,251
BORROWING FROM BANKS			
Inside Saudi Arabia		66,295	—
Abroad		49,115,940	69,241,453
		49,182,235	69,241,453
OTHER LIABILITIES			
Proposed dividend		51,000,000	48,000,000
Customers' acceptances		52,625,027	33,339,434
Other liabilities		151,577,177	63,600,910
		255,202,204	144,940,344
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		5,101,544,314	4,346,995,426
CONTRA ACCOUNTS			
Customers' guarantees, letters of credit and other obligations		2,245,423,844	1,845,271,803

	Note	1981 SR	1980 SR
ASSETS			
CASH AND SAMA DEPOSITS			
Cash in hand		40,268,568	45,322,258
Deposits with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency			
Statutory	8	155,073,207	125,657,637
Other		125,768,345	324,166,858
		321,110,120	495,146,753
DUE FROM BANKS			
Inside Saudi Arabia		141,305,135	117,052,737
Abroad		2,009,456,070	1,674,171,764
		2,150,761,205	1,791,224,501
INVESTMENTS (Shares and securities)			
Abroad	11	55,400,091	54,123,041
LOANS AND ADVANCES (less reserve for possible loan losses)			
Private sector	9	1,984,322,666	1,652,860,939
Banks		20,520,000	14,530,909
Other		64,162,500	6,652,458
Bills purchased and discounted		107,806,095	87,967,045
		2,176,811,261	1,762,011,351
FIXED ASSETS			
Bank premises and other real estate	10	195,563,846	104,388,610
Furniture and equipment		36,025,852	19,983,432
		231,589,698	124,372,042
OTHER ASSETS			
Customers' acceptance liability		52,625,027	33,339,434
Other assets		113,246,912	86,778,304
		165,871,939	120,117,738
TOTAL ASSETS		5,101,544,314	4,346,995,426
CONTRA ACCOUNTS			
Customers' liabilities under guarantees, letters of credit and other obligations		2,245,423,844	1,845,271,803

STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1981

	1981 SR	1980 SR
SOURCES		
Operations :		
Net income	115,122,294	96,049,324
Charges not requiring current outlay of funds :		
Depreciation and amortisation of premises and equipment	10,967,137	6,150,075
Amortisation of deferred charges	2,094,572	1,258,421
Funds generated from operations	128,184,003	103,457,820
Other sources :		
Share issue	—	136,630,810
Increase in deposits	603,203,161	1,514,786,336
Increase in other liabilities	110,261,860	51,237,884
Decrease in deposits with SAMA	168,982,943	100,823,552
Disposals of premises and equipment at net book amount	494,411	353,499
Disposal of investments	—	6,549,797
	882,942,375	1,810,386,878
	1,011,126,378	1,913,844,698
APPLICATIONS		
Decrease in amounts due to banks	20,059,218	302,828,907
Increase in amounts due from banks	359,536,704	953,801,941
Increase in loans and advances	414,799,910	467,253,568
Purchase of premises and equipment	118,679,204	55,949,866
Purchase of investments	1,277,050	32,066,491
Increase in deferred charges	2,305,488	1,224,831
Increase in other assets	45,543,285	51,176,694
Zakat	2,979,209	3,689,340
Dividend	51,000,000	48,000,000
	1,016,180,068	1,915,991,638
DECREASE IN CASH IN HAND	5,053,690	2,146,940

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1981

	1981 SR	1980 SR
REVENUE		
Income from foreign exchange transactions and other services	645,449,092	315,546,389
Investment income	1,713,295	1,616,969
Other income	22,221,162	19,376,944
TOTAL REVENUE	669,383,549	336,540,302
Less service charges	384,674,969	127,600,388
GROSS OPERATING INCOME	284,708,580	208,939,914
OTHER EXPENSES		
Salaries and employees' benefits	121,372,401	72,853,230
Directors fees and remuneration	726,500	743,500
Amortisation of deferred charges	2,094,572	1,258,421
Depreciation and amortisation of premises and equipment	10,967,137	6,150,075
Allowance for possible credit losses	—	3,950,000
Building rentals	18,411,961	13,816,692
Other operating expenses	16,013,715	14,118,672
	169,586,286	112,890,590
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	115,122,294	96,049,324
STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS		
Balance at beginning of year	3,324,520	1,316,731
Net income for the year	115,122,294	96,049,324
	118,446,814	97,366,055
Zakat	2,979,209	3,689,340
Transfer to statutory reserve	28,038,314	23,602,195
Transfer to general reserve	21,000,000	18,750,000
Proposed dividend	51,000,000	48,000,000
	103,017,523	94,041,535
Balance at end of year	15,429,291	3,324,520

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'Bringing the danger closer'

Soviets warn U.S. on NATO missiles

MOSCOW, March 28 (AP) — The Soviet Union has issued the third in a series of cryptic threats about how it would react if NATO goes ahead with plans to station 572 new medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe.

Valentin Falin, a top Soviet spokesman, warned on television Saturday night that the NATO plan would be a "grievous error. It (the United States) is bringing the danger closer to itself."

President Leonid I. Brezhnev announced on March 16 that the Soviet Union had unilaterally stopped deploying its new-generation SS-20 medium range missiles and asked NATO to cancel deployment of missiles in Western Europe.

But, in announcing the freeze to the 17th congress of Soviet trade unions in Moscow, Brezhnev warned that NATO deployment "would compel us to take retaliatory steps that would put the other side, including the United States itself, in an analogous position. This should not be forgotten."

Some observers suggested that Brezhnev was hinting that the Soviets would station missiles in Cuba to retaliate. Others, however, strongly discounted such an option. Four days after the Brezhnev speech, the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* noted

France tightens leaders' security

PARIS, March 28 (AFP) — Exceptional security measures have been taken to protect French President Francois Mitterrand because of an ultimatum from "Carlos," the elusive terrorist, Interior Minister Gaston Deferre said Sunday.

"Carlos," believed to be Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, a Venezuelan, had sent a letter to the French Embassy in The Hague last February demanding the release of two of his comrades from French jail by March 31. He threatened "action against members of the French government" thereafter if his demand was not met. Deferre, who is in charge of the police, said he was taking "the threat" quite seriously.

"Carlos identified himself by his finger prints on the letter. These are on record from a flat here where Carlos once narrowly escaped capture after killing two police officers who had come to arrest him and wounding a third."

Deferre, it was learned here, had ordered special protection for some thirty government personalities, including the president and himself. The two persons "Carlos wants to be released are a Swiss man and a West German woman, Bruno Breguet, 31, and Magdalena Kopp, 33, arrested Feb. 16 in a garage, with 11 pounds of explosives in their car, sophisticated detonating equipment and false identity papers.

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Amnesty council in Britain loses confidence, quits

ROEHAMPTON, England, March 28 (AP) — The 26-member governing council of the British section of Amnesty International resigned Saturday after delegates at the annual meeting passed a motion of no confidence in it by 919 votes to 849.

The resignation follows a row over the decision of the council headed by chairman Roger Bröttet to appoint former Liberal Party leader Jeremy Thorpe as director of the British section.

Thorpe was acquitted in 1979 of plotting the murder of a male model in a trial that followed months of political scandal in which the soundness of his judgments was repeatedly questioned.

He was formally appointed to the 14,000-pound (\$25,060) a year post with the Nobel Peace Prize-winning human rights organization. But as the row over the wisdom of his appointment developed, he resigned two weeks later on March 4 shortly before he was to start work.

Sir Michael Williams, a former vice chairman of the British section who presented the no-confidence motion Saturday, said the council's shortcomings included "ingrained naivety."

But Bröttet told reporters afterward that he still believed Thorpe would have made "a very good director." Officials said elections for a new council would be held shortly. The British section has a total of 19,000 members.

Resettlement of Haitians on Belize lands proposed

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP) — The United States is discussing with Haiti and Belize, the former British colony in Central America, the possibility of settling Haitians in Belize as farmers to bring undeveloped land under cultivation, a U.S. official said.

If such a resettlement scheme is agreed upon, the Haitians could come from those who have settled in the United States in recent years, or from Haiti, or both.

Belize, which gained its independence last September, approached the U.S. government "several months back" with the idea, said Philip Chicola, Latin American specialist in the State Department's refugee bureau.

"It's all still very much in the talking stage and a great deal of work remains to be done," said Chicola, Saturday. "For instance, Belize has certain sites in mind. Someone would have to look them over. There's the question of recruitment. There may or may not be some infrastructure required."

By "infrastructure," Chicola meant public facilities such as roads. About 10,000 Haitians have immigrated to the United States illegally in recent years, many of them to southern Florida. The U.S. government has maintained that they are not true refugees from political persecution but simply were seeking to better their lot.

The Reagan administration recently authorized coast guards to intercept boats carrying Haitians and send them back to that country. "We don't know if any Haitians in this country would even want to go to Belize."

S. Africa raiders to collect funds

JOHANNESBURG, March 28 (AFP) — Col. "Mad Mike" Hoare and his 42 fellow mercenaries on trial over the attempted coup in the Seychelles last November have applied for registration as a "welfare organization," according to press reports here Sunday.

This would allow the 43 accused to collect funds in South Africa and abroad for their defense against charges in connection with the hijacking of an Air-India Boeing 707 to South Africa after the failure of the attempted coup.

Col. Hoare is quoted as saying cost of the defense could exceed 150,000 rands (about the same amount in U.S. dollars).

Under the South African Welfare Act, no-one may collect funds from the public without first being registered as a welfare organization.

According to a report in *The Sunday Express*, this act was in fact amended to provide stricter control of funds supplied from overseas for the defense of people charged under the Terrorism and Suppression of Communism Act.

200 French Guyanese protest Gaullist election

CAYENNE, French Guyana, March 28 (AFP) — About 200 youthful demonstrators, many with plaited Rastafarian-style hair, hurled stones and Molotov cocktails and overturned cars here Saturday following the election of a veteran Gaullist to chair a new regional council.

Decentralization measures introduced under the French Socialist government will give the regional councils, which emerged from last week's local elections, more powers

than ever before. The council chose its senior member, Emmanuel Bellony of the Neo-Gaullist Party, as chairman after two other candidates, a Socialist and a Gaullist, had received equal numbers of votes in two rounds of council voting.

Sources at the police and local government headquarters said the demonstrators were among the crowd which had gathered outside the building to hear the outcome of the voting.

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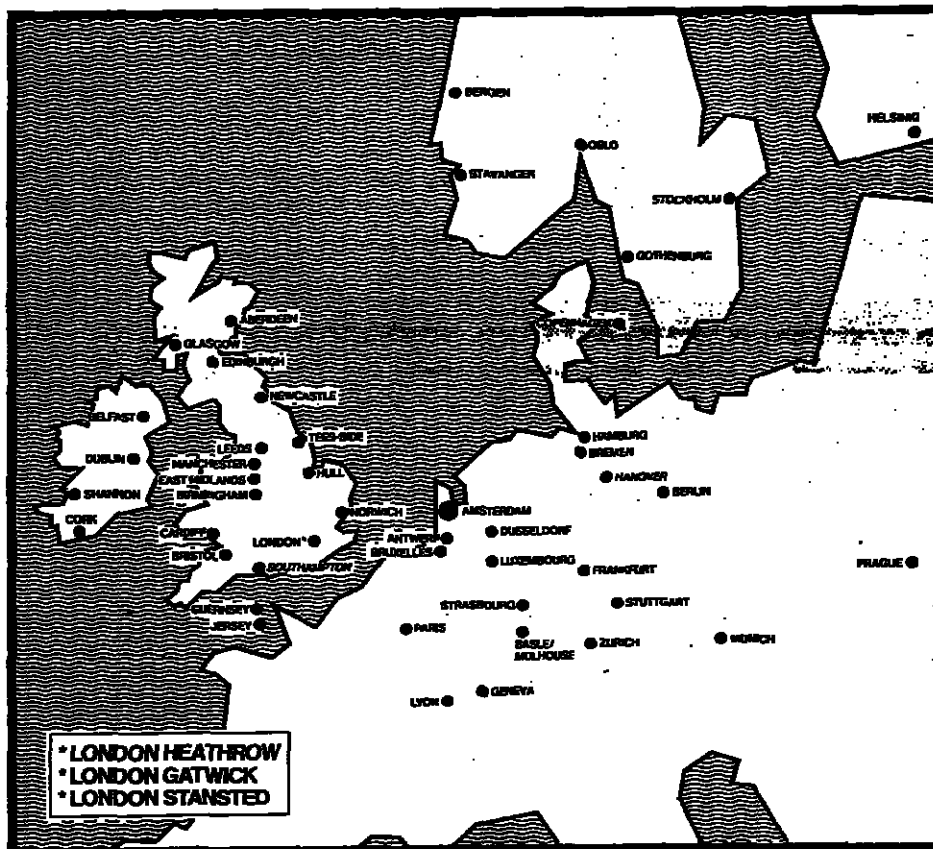
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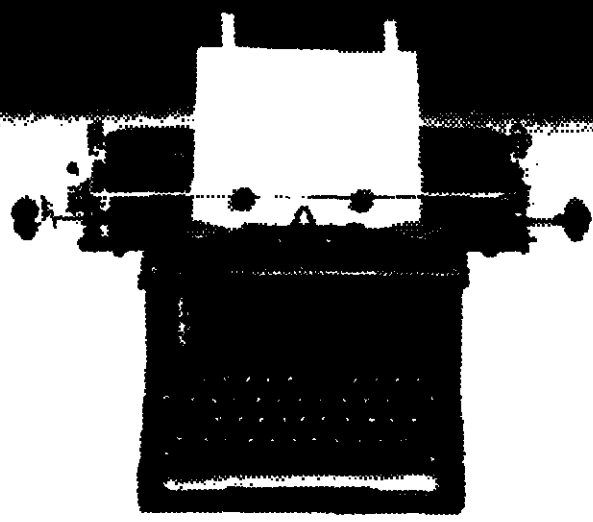
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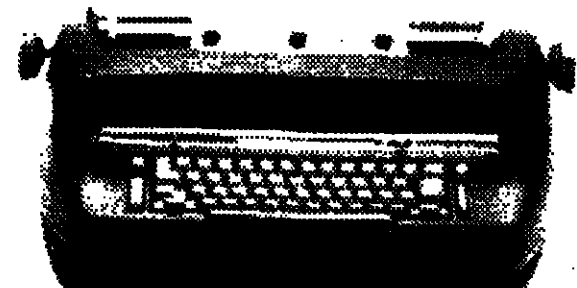
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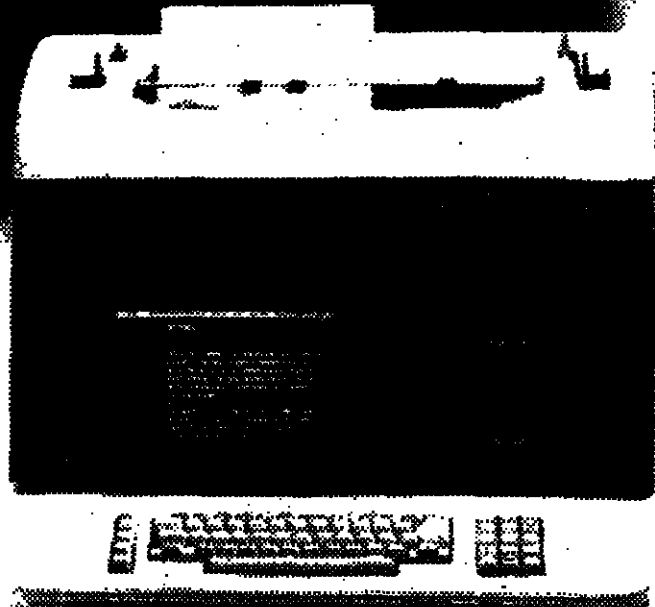
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Chinese rapped at Vietnam congress

MOSCOW, March 28 (AFP) — Within four days of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's appeal for a return to normal relations between Moscow and Peking, the secretary of the Soviet Communist Party central committee, Mikhail Gorbachev, Sunday spoke out against the "anti-Sovietism and hegemonism of the Chinese leadership".

Addressing the fifth congress of the Vietnamese Communist Party in Hanoi, Gorbachev made a direct reference to the appeal that the Soviet president made last week in the Uzbekistan capital of Tashkent, Tass reported here. At the same time he cited another recent Brezhnev speech to the trade union congress in Moscow, the Soviet news agency indicated.

After alluding to the "program for peace in the 1980s" which the Soviet Communist Party adopted at its 26th congress, Gorbachev went on to attack attempts by the United States "to make maximum use in its world strategy of the anti-Sovietism and hegemonism of the Chinese leadership".

Gorbachev, a Politburo member who is heading the Soviet delegation to the congress in Hanoi, also blamed the United States and China for exaggerating "the non-existent Kampuchean problem" with a view to "creating a source of permanent tension (and fueling a conflict between two state groups in the region: Indochina and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))."

Gorbachev affirmed the Soviet Union's "total support" for the Vietnamese positions regarding the settlement of Southeast Asian questions, stressing that his country "was and will always remain right alongside Socialist Vietnam".

"The ideologists of American reaction are again calling for United States domination to spread throughout the world," he continued in a reference to the deployment of U.S. strategic missiles in Western Europe.

Accusing the United States of "encouraging Israel's policy of occupation", Gorbachev again attacked the Reagan administration, which he said was "threatening Cuba, hatching a plot against Nicaragua, and aiding the bloodthirsty Salvadoran junta to stifle the country's freedom-loving people".

The Soviet Union won praise as Vietnam's most powerful and faithful supporter at the Hanoi congress. "Solidarity and cooperation in all domains with the Soviet Union is the cornerstone of party and state foreign policy," Le Duan, general secretary of the Vietnamese Communist Party said Saturday.

Vietnam's chief enemy was not the United States but China, which sought to "annex Vietnam and the Indochina peninsula," the party leader warned.

Fonda favored for Oscar prize

LOS ANGELES, March 28 (R) — Henry Fonda, the durable star of 80 films who has yet to win an Oscar, is sentimental favorite at the award Monday for best actor in the role of a caustic but vulnerable old man facing approaching death in *On Golden Pond*.

A victory for the 76-year-old grandfather, who has heart trouble, walks with sticks and spends his days at home quietly painting, would be the most dramatic moment of the star-studded \$2-million awards ceremony.

But Fonda will be at home with his fifth wife, Shir, watching the show on television. Daughter Jane Fonda, nominated for the award for best supporting actress for playing Fonda's daughter in *On Golden Pond*, is standing by to accept her father's statuette if he wins.

"We wanted Shirlee to accept the award, but she insisted on staying with her husband," program producer Howard Koch said. "It would be a very emotional moment for Henry if he won," he added.

BRIEFS

MANILA, (AFP) — Filipinos who have acquired foreign citizenship may now own land in the Philippines. President Ferdinand Marcos signed into law Sunday the so-called "Balikbayan Act" which allows Filipinos who are naturalized citizens of a foreign country to own not more than 1,000 square meters of residential land in urban areas and not more than one hectare in rural areas.

LONDON, (AP) — Two paintings, a Turner and a Claude, were slashed and badly damaged by a youth wielding a kitchen knife in London's National Gallery, Sir Michael Levey, the gallery director said Sunday. "They have not been destroyed but they are distressingly damaged. After a lot of patience they can be restored," he said. The paintings were slashed just before the gallery closed Saturday night. Scotland Yard said it was questioning an 18-year-old youth about the attack.

KATHMANDU, (AP) — South Korean Minister of Construction Jong Ho Kim arrived here Sunday for talks with Nepalese leaders on the second leg of a four-nation tour.

KUALA LUMPUR, (AFP) — Malaysian police have arrested nine persons described as "proponents of divisionist religious teachings" who allegedly planned to topple the government and replace it with one of their own.

PEKING, (R) — A senior Chinese journalist has been jailed for five years for leaking state secrets to foreigners. The *People's Daily* reported Sunday, and it warned readers to beware of spies among the foreign community. The official newspaper said Li Guangyi, a former editor of the bi-weekly *China Finance and Trade Journal* had divulged details of an important Communist Party meeting held last summer.

With aid of computers

Pacific volcanoes mapped

SEATTLE, Washington, March 28 (AP) — Charts made with the aid of computers have brought into focus a violent but little-known part of the world — a string of about 100 undersea Pacific volcanoes that could be mined for minerals some day. "One looks like an aerial view of Mount St. Helens," scientist Robert Embley said.

The existence of undersea volcanoes off the states of Washington, Oregon and Northern California has been known for some time but only now are they being mapped in detail, Alexander Malahoff, chief scientist for the U.S. National Ocean Survey of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said Saturday.

The volcanoes were surveyed last week in an area called the Juan de Fuca Rift, a undersea canyon that stretches from the strait of Juan de Fuca in Washington, to Cape Vendicino south of Eureka, California, Malahoff said.

Malahoff said the canyon is "as straight and long as a highway" and contains volcanoes measuring 10 miles in diameter to relatively small ones a half-mile across.

Malahoff, interviewed aboard the NOAA research ship *Surveyor*, said the mountains rose high above the ocean floor and had craters and rims.

"The production of this detailed base

map will allow us to more fully explore the ridge area for minerals, mainly polymetallic sulfides which contain copper, zinc and other minerals," said Malahoff, who completed the 10-day mapping mission Friday.

The mapping, Embley said, marks "a new era in ocean exploration in this area. We can begin to discover what is there. It could be a long-term step toward mining. We will know more about our natural resources."

The volcano-studded rift lies 200 to 300 miles off the coast at a depth of about 8,580 feet (2,615 meters), Malahoff said. Scientists aboard the *Surveyor* used a sophisticated sonar system coupled with a computer to produce reams of detailed topographic maps of the ocean floor.

The charts, drawn by a computer-controlled stylus, show contours of the mountainous volcanoes, their sides stretching up with craters yawning at their peaks.

The volcanoes erupt with lava flows that are quickly cooled and hardened into basal, the building block of the world's ocean floors. The eruptions do not break the ocean surface because the volcanoes are so deep and the water does not allow gas to escape, Malahoff said. However, the volcano could grow enough to break the surface and become a volcanic island, he said, like the Hawaiian islands.

Over anti-party activity

Indira makes family feud public

NEW DELHI, March 28 (AP) — A simmering family political feud boiled up in public Saturday when Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi accused her widowed daughter-in-law of joining forces with her enemies.

Mrs. Gandhi, returning from six days in Britain, denounced the holding of a political meeting set for the city of Lucknow Sunday with her daughter-in-law, Maneka Gandhi, as the honored guest and speaker.

The meeting, organized by disillusioned followers of her late son, Sanjay Gandhi, is "an anti-party activity being organized by those who are against us, and against me," Mrs. Gandhi told reporters at Delhi airport.

Reminded that Sanjay's widow, Maneka, 26, has reportedly agreed to participate, the prime minister added: "That is up to her. But my remarks about the nature of that convention equally apply to her."

"What is especially said is that some people, who are supposed to have been close to Sanjay, are now combining with forces who did everything possible to destroy him... and who created all the hardships for him," she said.

Sanjay Gandhi was killed in a stunt plane crash in June, 1980, after a stormy political career starting as the organizer of controversial programs to modernize India and ending as his mother's chief lieutenant and heir

apparent. In 1977-79, when Mrs. Gandhi was out of power, Sanjay was in and out of courts and jails on various charges of misusing power and fomenting demonstrations.

Mrs. Gandhi charged that those responsible for "the persecution" of Sanjay Gandhi while she was in opposition are behind the Lucknow meeting. She named the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, a Hindu nationalist group. The 26-year-old Maneka Gandhi made no public comment as she arrived at Lucknow with her two-year-old son, Feroze Varun Gandhi.

Organizers of the Sunday meeting charged

Japan's germ war effects persisting

TOKYO, March 28 (AFP) — The effects of biological warfare carried out by the defunct Japanese Imperial Army in China during World War II still persist, a Shanghai-born U.S. journalist has said.

John Powell, 61, said Saturday in Tokyo on his way home from a two-week visit to China that he had learned of the aftereffects of germ weapons tested by the Japanese Army's 731st unit in northern China from Chinese military and medical officials.

Since no one involved has ever broken the silence surrounding them, the unit's activities are still unknown, Powell said. He added that

that on the outskirts of Lucknow, 425 kms southeast of New Delhi, Maneka Gandhi's vehicle was attacked by 300 demonstrators from the prime minister's ruling Congress Party but the Maneka group had "a miraculous escape."

The organizers also circulated two letters over Maneka Gandhi's name. One announced her intention to attend the meeting and the second was an explanation to her mother-in-law.

The chief organizer of the meeting, Akber Ahmed, is a state legislator recently suspended from the Congress Party for anti-party activity.

that an estimated 3,000 persons, mostly Chinese, were killed in biological experiments. Anthrax bacteria and other germs used by the unit still pollute soil in dozens of areas throughout China, centering on Zhejiang province, Powell said.

The 731st was a secret Japanese unit based in Harbin, in what is now Heilongjiang province. Although named the "Kanto (eastern Japan) Army Epidemic Prevention Water Supply Headquarters", it actually conducted biological warfare research, Powell said. The unit consisted of 2,000 to 3,000 persons, many of them military doctors.

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As pressure mounts

Crisis-hit Nigeria pins hope on OPEC

LAGOS, March 28 (AFP) — Nigerian government officials are openly looking to other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to come to Nigeria's rescue amid plummeting oil output.

According to information published in London, Nigeria's oil production this month will be at a record low of 650,000 barrels a day, less than half of the country's output last year.

The drop in output is aggravating an already extremely delicate economic situation for Nigeria. A monthly budget deficit of 400,000 million naira (\$600 million) is threatening to wipe out Nigeria's federal reserves, now worth 800 million naira according to the central bank.

On Tuesday, the bank called on all Nigerian banks to immediately halt delivery of letters of credit and thus imposing a ban on imports.

According to certain reports published Saturday, Saudi Arabia and Gulf states have warned Western oil companies that they will be blacklisted if their production in Nigeria falls below levels prevailing before the OPEC meeting in Vienna earlier this month.

The cuts in production are seen as attempts by the oil companies to force Nigeria to drop its prices. Nigeria's best crude is now pegged at \$35.5 a barrel, \$1.5 more than OPEC's benchmark price. Oil is now being sold on the spot market at about \$30 barrel.

On Saturday, OPEC chairman Mana Said Oteifa of the United Arab Emirates

threatened to call an emergency meeting of oil producing countries if foreign oil companies persist in pressuring Nigeria to drop its oil price.

According to industry sources, there are fears that a drop in Nigeria's prices would have a snowball effect, forcing other OPEC nations to follow suit. Western oil officials appear to have dug in their heels on the issue.

He also acknowledged that Nigeria is "the weak link" in the OPEC chain, making it the easiest country to try to exert pressure on.

Meanwhile, the Nigerian press has reported that Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are ready to lead Nigeria 680 million naira (\$400 million) to help the country weather this economic storm. The move is also viewed as an attempt to prevent an oil price-cutting war.

In Kuwait, meanwhile, Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah Saturday warned OPEC will apply sanctions against oil companies that have pressured some OPEC countries for oil price reductions.

The minister said in a television interview that the sanctions — which he did not define — would be aimed particularly at those companies putting pressure on Nigeria.

He said oil prices will be held at current levels for one or two years so that OPEC could stand up to increased output by non-member oil producers. He added that he was "worried" by the large quantities of oil discovered in such countries as Mexico, Canada, Britain and Norway.

French franc seen facing devaluation

PARIS, March 28 (AFP) — The French franc, which recently seemed to have weathered a storm, came under pressure again as the weekend drew close, and speculators and dealers were fearful of a possible devaluation during the weekend.

Meanwhile, in another development affecting the monetary situation, the West German Bundesbank (central bank) has clearly decided that it will not go along with any proposals for "developing" the European Monetary System (EMS) along lines advocated by the European Common Market commission unless priority is given to stability.

The EMS, grouping most common market currencies, including the powerful West German mark and the limping French franc, has long been eyed with some misgiving by the West Germans because of the difficulty of reconciling its operation — and even its very existence — with the kind of prolonged and substantial differences in inflation rates that have characterized the common market for a long time. The French inflation rate is more than double the German figure, so it is naturally difficult to maintain the two currencies' relative values within the band of operation allowed by the EMS, and the Germans (others, too) fear that there will be growing strains within the currency system unless there is greater convergence of inflation rates among the various EEC member countries.

Alien businessmen resent new Jakarta rule

JAKARTA, March 28 (Dephnews) — A controversial regulation, made early this year, is eliciting some gripes from Indonesia's expatriate businessmen.

The new regulation requires foreign winners of government contracts to make a counter-purchase of Indonesian exports equal in value to the contracts they won — a first in the world.

The bold new drive stems partly from fears that Indonesia's diminishing oil reserves cannot sustain the nation's development and financing needs indefinitely. At the same time, however, the move could exasperate some quarters involuntarily called upon to help power that drive.

Another reason is that non-petroleum commodities are perennial underachievers in Indonesia's export stable. Since 1969, for instance, oil and gas were the twin premier exports, from a low \$3.2 billion in 1973 to \$21.9 billion in 1980. Oil and gas have together accounted for an average 65 percent of aggregate export earnings the past 10 years. At the other end is the slow export of non-oil commodities. In 1981, for instance,

the export value of East Nusantara primary products alone dropped by 36 percent, from \$10.4 million in 1980 to \$6.6 million the next year. The island-chain province 600 kilometers east of Bali suffered a sales shortfall in coffee, sandalwood ash and fishery products. World recession, marked by a global market downturn and crowded competition, battered the locals with a one-two blow.

The unbalanced see-saw, with oil and gas at the heavy end and hundreds of products on the lighter side, has never failed to disturb Indonesia's economic managers.

Since 1969, the start of the first five-year plan, the government has made several major moves to boost non-oil exports. In 1970, it put into effect a free exchange system allowing for the free flow of hard currencies. In 1976, in what was dubbed as the April 1976 packet, the government removed barriers and injected monetary incentives.

Late in 1978, Jakarta devalued the rupiah by 50 percent. In all three instances, exports rose substantially the following year. Still, the 65:35 export ratio between oil and non-oil

products remained, partly due to the escalating price of oil.

Last January, a top panel of eight cabinet members, headed by National Planning Chief Prof. Widjojo Nitisastro, formally announced to the press a package of 19 streamlining regulations.

These measures include the requirement that customs and excise offices must render 24-hour service to facilitate exports and that the export documents must be finalized in one day at the latest after the export goods have been stored aboard the carrier. Harbor fees have been reduced 50 percent for national ocean-going ships loading non-oil and non-gas exports. Warehouse storage charges prior to loading have also been cut.

Bank Indonesia, the central bank, also dropped the annual interest rate for export credits from 12 percent to 6-9 percent.

The 9 percent tab is charged on traditional products like coffee, palm oil, logs, tea, shrimp and minerals like bauxite, nickel and coal. The 6 percent is levied on other goods. The government will also provide insurance to cover possible loss of up to 85 percent of the loss value in the event the overseas importer is unable to pay for the goods. For contract cancellations after shipment of goods, the government will cover 80 percent of the loss.

GM loses Iraqi deal to Toyota

TORONTO, March 28 (AFP) — General Motors of Canada has lost a Canadian \$100 million (\$85 million) contract for the delivery of 12,500 cars to Iraq, to the Japanese Toyota firm, the Toronto Star Paper has reported here.

In March last year Ottawa and Iraq signed a contract for the delivery to Iraq of 13,500 cars — mostly Malibu models. But the vehicles had several technical faults, and Iraq has turned to Toyota, the report said.

The loss of the contract comes at a bad time for the Canadian subsidiary of General Motors which at the end of last week laid off 1,750 employees at its Ontario plant.



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FAO reports

Surplus led to food price fall

ROME, March 28 (AP) — Recessionary influences and abundance of commodity supplies caused sharp price declines for major food products in 1981, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization reported Thursday.

In an annual report, the FAO said the Soviet Union had a bad harvest in 1981 for the third year in a row and this was likely to increase import needs of all East European countries.

A top FAO official said the uncertainties in the Soviet import requirement pose difficulties in projecting a precise world agriculture market outlook.

The Soviet Union accounts for a quarter of the world's total imports of wheat and coarse grains, estimated at 180.8 billion tons in 1981-1982, according to FAO figures.

The report said recession curbed the demand for agricultural products from both developed and developing nations. The situation is expected to continue well into 1982, it added.

The report notes that the drop in demand coincided with sizeable increases in supplies

of many agricultural commodities in 1981 "causing widespread price declines and fluctuations."

The report said price trends of 15 agricultural commodities showed lower real prices during 1981 than 1960. Among them were tea, rubber and jute.

In the 12 months up to September 1981, the report said, as many as 20 member countries of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had to resort to the fund's compensatory financing facility to cover shortfalls in their commodity export earnings.

In 1981, the total of world agricultural trade was expected to increase slightly mainly because of the strong import demand for cereals and other major commodities by the Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union, the report said.

The total world agricultural trade value rose in 1980 by 11 percent to \$290 billion while the year before registered an 18 percent growth to \$260 billion, according to the FAO document. "As a result," it added, "with continuing worldwide inflation, the real value of export earnings barely increased."

Weekly commodities

Soviet involvement keeps market on its toes

LONDON, March 28 (AFP) — The flare-up in the Iranian/Iraqi war and growing tension in and around Israel kept commodity prices initially very steady this week. But the subsequently eased off before sterling's late weakness brought values up from their worst levels.

The decision by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to keep its benchmark price unchanged at \$34 a barrel disappointed dealers generally. They were also upset at indications later in the week that the modest decline in United States interest rates could be reversed.

Soviet involvement in grain sales, with offers of credit coming to Moscow from a U.S. bank, and fresh talks of Russian gold being used as collateral for major loans all tended to keep the market on its toes.

Aluminum was a weak feature among the generally easier base-metals, touching its lowest for four months. Rubber, the only market to show any firm upward trend, extended its recent recovery.

Cocoa slumped to a nine-month low because of cheap sales from Francophone origins that reflected the weakness of the French franc and fear of a large scale resumption of Nigerian sales to meet foreign exchange requirements.

Gold: Irregular. Last week's rally was extended, with prices reaching their highest since the beginning of the month. Rumors that the Soviet Union had sold a large tonnage in a recent one-off fund raising operation through central banks failed to impress dealers.

Subsequently, the U.S. dollar's strength and higher U.S. interest rates brought

prices down quite quickly.

Copper: Uncertain. Gold's movement played an important part in determining the trend of base-metals with copper being further influenced by the late decline in the New York market. Market stocks were down 275 tons to 129,450 tons.

Tin: Irregular. The decision of the European Economic Community (EEC) to join the Sixth International Tin Agreement gave the market a more cheerful look after several dull days of trading as dealers awaited the outcome of the International Tin Council's emergency meeting on whether to impose export controls.

The adjournment of the meeting until Monday left dealers with little incentive to open up fresh positions. Penang eased back, followed by London.

The council's buffer stock manager did not appear to intervene much in support of prices, although a declining trend was arrested in front of the weekend.

Lead: Dull. The uncertainty continued, with sentiment subdued by the trend in zinc. A late rally was not sustained. Stocks continued their rise to 68,600 tons — 375 tons up.

Zinc: Easier. The decision by West German smelters to cut prices by \$40 to \$860 ton, was enough to depress prices even further to their lowest levels since last November. Stocks rose for the first time in 19 weeks to 61,975 tons — up 25 tons.

Silver: Irregular. Early gains were lost in union with gold. The U.S. market came under pressure earlier in the week, with buyers then retreating in London. But

Sudan looks to U.S. for economic aid

CAIRO, March 28 (AFP) — Sudanese Foreign Minister Muhammad Mirghani said here Saturday that his government would welcome all economic and military aid from the United States.

He said such aid was vital for Sudan, adding that the country must have a powerful army and a "solid internal front" in the face of "the dangers which surround it."

Mirghani was speaking after delivering a message from Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiry to President Hosni Mubarak. He said the Egyptian President had asked him to transmit a reply.

There was no immediate indication of the precise subject of the exchange between the two states, which have developed increasingly close relations over the last year or so.

Taipei targets exports at \$26b

TAIPEI, March 28 (CNA) — The Republic of China's exports of agricultural and industrial products in fiscal 1983, starting July 1, 1982, are targeted at \$26.4 billion, according to an estimate of the executive Yuan.

The estimate shows this nation in fiscal 1983 may import a total of \$25.3 billion worth of production equipment and raw materials.

Two-way trade in fiscal 1983 is estimated to reach \$51.7 billion, with a surplus of \$54 million, according to the estimate.

While making the budget planning for fiscal 1983, the executive Yuan has appropriated \$17 million for the promotion of foreign trade. The money will be used to help local manufacturers develop high quality products, set up permanent display centers for Taiwan-produced products in other countries, participate in international trade shows, and improve the quality control system. In addition, the government will seek coordination among various industrial associations in settling trade disputes between local makers and their buyers or counterparts overseas.

The executive Yuan estimates that in fiscal 1983 exports of local agriculture, fishery, and mining businesses will reach \$1.8 billion, and industrial products exports will reach \$24.584 billion.

Russia vows to help Vietnam

BANGKOK, March 28 (AFP) — The Soviet Union Sunday pledged "greatly expanded" technical and economic aid to Vietnam and said bilateral trade would double in the next five years.

The chief Soviet delegate to the fifth congress of the Vietnam Communist Party in Hanoi also hoped aloud that Soviet-Vietnamese relations would develop "in a more varied and vigorous manner." "Suffice it to say that the turnover of goods between the two countries will double in the next five years. Technical and economic aid...will also expand greatly."

"This will make it possible for the Vietnamese people to exploit the natural resources of the country more rapidly and effectively," Soviet Communist Party official Mikhail Gorbachev said.

His remarks, on the second day of the congress attended by more than 1,000 Vietnamese delegates and 47 foreign delegations,

were transmitted by the vietnam news agency, monitored here.

The warm praise and rich promises from the Soviet Union came one day after Vietnamese Communist Party leader Le called solidarity with the Soviet Union the "keystone of the foreign policy of our party and state."

"Close links and all-round cooperation with the Soviet Union are a matter of principle, and strategy," Le Duan said in a report to the congress Saturday.

Analysts said the warm Soviet-Vietnamese exchanges at the party congress seemed to bury apparent differences over Cambodia that emerged last December when Pen Sovann was ousted as Cambodian strongman.

In separate remarks to the party congress, the top Communists in Laos and Cambodia also paid glowing tribute to their close ties to Vietnam, which maintains expeditionary forces in both neighboring states.

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Summit opens today

EEC to mull reviving economy

BRUSSELS, March 28 (AP)— Leaders of European Economic Community nations open a two-day summit meeting here Monday to study ways of reviving the EEC's flagging economy and to discuss the crises in the Middle East and Central America, officials say.

The summit will be held less than a week after the EEC, now made up of 10 nations, marked its 25th anniversary.

French President Francois Mitterrand, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and the other EEC leaders will commemorate this event in a special one-hour ceremony Monday morning.

Summit sources said the state of the EEC's economy, which suffers from slow growth

and record unemployment, will dominate the talks among with the latest events in the Middle East and Central America.

One source said he doubted the summit would produce any major, joint economic initiative. "The differences in the economic policies of the 10 countries...make this difficult," the source said.

The EEC leaders are expected to urge the United States once again to lower its interest rates. Europeans feel these rates perpetuate the recession here by drawing investment funds to the United States. A French source said his government views the meeting as a "dress rehearsal for the world economic summit" of seven industrialized nations scheduled for early June in Versailles, France.

An aide to Belgian Premier Wilfried Martens, the EEC summit president, said EEC leaders will talk about the political violence in El Salvador because "any conflict in Central America will affect East-West relations." "Europe must help this region for obvious humanitarian reasons," he added.

The EEC countries are considering economic aid, "but no figure has been mentioned" by senior officials preparing the

summit, the aide said.

The EEC, whose government leaders will be accompanied by the foreign ministers, has disagreed sharply with the U.S. policy towards Central America.

Several nations, most notably France, have dismissed the U.S.-backed Salvadoran elections as useless. "The so-called elections...will solve nothing because in El Salvador the real problem is social injustice," French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson said Friday.

The EEC leaders will be briefed by Tindemans on his recent visit to Turkey, a country to which the EEC has cut off \$600 million worth of aid because of military rule there. At Martens' suggestion, the economy will figure prominently on the summit agenda. "For us, the major stress should be on social problems and especially growing unemployment," an Italian government source said in Rome. The EEC's executive commission has written an eight-page report outlining the state of the EEC economy which suffers from record unemployment (9.5 percent), widely differing inflation rates (from 4.5 to 24 percent) and slow growth (an estimated 1.6 percent in 1982).

Pakistan seeks tie-ups for oil search

ISLAMABAD, March 28 (Depthnews)— Faced with the unenviable prospect of a four-fold increase in consumption by 1990, Pakistan has launched a program to achieve oil self-sufficiency at the shortest time possible.

The program aims to develop already existing oilfields, step up oil exploration and encourage more foreign oil companies to come in through generous incentives. Along with this, Pakistan is also eyeing neighboring Gulf states and Saudi Arabia as possible partners in oil exploration.

In fact, Petroleum Minister Rao Farman Ali already visited Kuwait and Abu Dhabi and returned with encouraging news. The subject was likewise discussed with Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani during his visit here last January. Unconfirmed reports said that Sheikh Yamani had expressed interest in a joint Saudi-Pakistan collaboration on oil exploration.

Pakistan's hurry for oil self-sufficiency is understandable. Its oil import bill amounts to a staggering \$1.6 billion a year from its average annual consumption of 100,000 barrels per day (bpd). By 1990, however, consumption is projected to soar to 160,000 bpd with the corresponding increase in precious foreign exchange.

Domestic oil production has remained static at 10,000 bpd for the past four years. However, with the renewed and expanded program, output could go up to 26,000 bpd by 1990.

Major foreign companies have been granted concessions for oil exploration

throughout the country. These include Amoco, Gulf Oil, Occidental, Shell Oil, Dohto of Japan, British Petroleum, Union Texas and Cities Service.

The program appears to be to attack all the delineated structures through all means, including contract drilling and joint ventures. The country aims to drill about 30 exploratory wells a year under the new setup, compared to only six per year in the '70s and 26 in 1980-81.

By 1980, Pakistan had brought 67,000 sq. miles under petroleum concession. Shell Oil, for instance, is carrying out exploration over 11,168 sq. miles in several districts in Punjab. An additional concession of 2,792 sq. miles has also been recently granted to Shell. British Petroleum is expected to carry out exploration on 5,460 sq. miles in Sind.

Pakistan's major petroleum company, Oil and Gas Development Corporation, is carrying out exploratory work on about 20,000 sq. miles of area. Besides, the refining capacity at Attock Oil Company was enhanced from

Libya debts to Japanese firms mount

TOKYO, March 28 (AFP) — Libyan payments for imports of Japanese domestic electrical appliances have been delayed drastically and debts of some \$61.2 million may not be recoverable, the economic newspaper *Nihon Keizai* reported Sunday.

The paper said that the Ministry of International Trade and Industry was considering applying "export insurance" at the request of the electrical appliance manufacturers.

The paper attributed the payments delay by Libya to a drastic drop in income from oil exports. It said that Libya earned \$22 billion through its oil exports in 1981, but this was expected to fall to \$6.8 billion in 1982 — or one-third of the previous year's income.

The paper also reported that six Japanese auto manufacturers, including Toyota, Nissan and Toyo Kogyo, had agreed to supply Libya with 40,000 cars and trucks by November 1981. But none of these cars has been shipped, and industry sources feared that the contract might have been canceled. The total value of the cars was estimated at 30,000 to 40,000 million yen (\$124.3 to \$163.2 million), it said.

11,000 bpd to 31,000 bpd. And a number of small oil refineries are proposed to be set up near the new discoveries.

These all-out efforts met some success last February when crude started pouring into the national refinery at Karachi from Badin in Sind. The four wells already drilled have indicated that the crude was of high quality and was available at a relatively lesser depth of about 3,600 feet.

The original estimates put the new fields' production rate at 4,000 bpd, but the possibility of increasing it to 10,000 bpd is not ruled out. A report prepared by Union Texas described the new fields as a "highly promising find."

There exists a "wishful thinking" among the majority of Pakistanis about the country's oil potential. It is argued that if Pakistan had the financial resources to exploit this potential it would attain oil self-sufficiency overnight and, in due course, might also become an oil exporter.

Now it's stores sans goods

NEW YORK, March 28 (R) — An inventor-businessman who helped develop the phonograph record, stereo recording, food blenders, and magnetic sound tape, has embarked on a new plan to revive the American general store, this time with computers.

The general store used to be a hallmark of rural America — the closed-in bazaar where one went to buy everything from gingham dresses to slabs of bacon and the latest in ploughs, pumps and woolen peacoats. And it went the way of the horse and buggy as the automobile introduced a shopping revolution called the shopping mall where dozens of shops vie for business under one roof.

But now 75-year old entrepreneur Hazard Reeves has come up with a new version of the general store — one without a single stitch of merchandise in it.

Called "catalogia," Reeves' store offers tables and chairs for customers to sit in, computers in which the contents of 150 diverse merchandise catalogs have been stored, and copies of the catalogs themselves. A customer walks in and says he is interested in sails, hunting shoes or shiny brass lamps.

The shop assistant asks the computer for a list of catalogs containing the requested items and then provides the customers with the catalogs. The customer places his order,

the "catalogia" clerk "rings it up" on the computer directly linked to each of the catalog companies and the merchandise is mailed to the buyer's home that day. The store receives as commission 20 percent of the retail price. In effect, Reeves and his chief partner in the venture, O.L. Bibeau, have created a computerized catalog of catalogs and, as Bibeau says, revived the long-dormant American general store in which thousands of different items are offered for sale.

And in the current economic recession, catalog sales are booming while department store sales are sagging, possibly because catalogs with their lower overheads offer cheaper prices. Two "catalogia" shops are already in operation, and Reeves expects 40 to 50 more to be operating under franchise by the end of the year.

Many of the future locations will be in areas where shopping is difficult. Reeves says the idea for the company came to him after he had spent hours in a shopping mall searching in vain for a timing device. Finally he discovered that he could have purchased the timer from a catalog and saved himself wasted time and effort.

"I hate to shop. It's like going to the dentist. I buy eight or 10 suits at a time, even if I don't like them, just so I don't have to buy a suit for a few years," the white-haired millionaire said in a recent interview.

China to clip communes' political arm

PEKING, March 28 (R) — The government may transform the lives of China's 800 million peasants by stripping rural communes of their political function and turning them into essentially economic units, an official magazine said Sunday.

The English-language weekly *Beijing Review* said the current system of combining government administration with economic management was contradictory, and that it often led to concentration of power in the hands of a few people.

The commune system was established by Chairman Mao Tse-tung in 1958 in what is now officially regarded as an over-ambitious attempt to achieve quick results.

Peasants, who form 80 percent of China's one billion population, are now grouped into 54,000 communes or clusters of villages which until now have collective economic organizations.

The *Review* said, "It appears that increasing numbers of people realize it is more reasonable to separate government administration from commune management." It said that in areas of Sichuan Province where communes had been stripped in their political power, the economy in these three counties has developed at an unprecedented rate.

S. Africa farmers hard hit by drought

JOHANNESBURG, March 28 (R) — A devastating drought, which could almost halve South Africa's key maize crop, is threatening many farmers with financial ruin and intensifying forecasts of an austere year for all South Africans.

In the main maize growing areas of the Transvaal and Orange Free State provinces the neat lines of maize plants, stretching as far as the eye can see, are withering under a sun that has baked the ground brick-hard.

In the province of Natal, where a sub-tropical climate normally produces lush grasslands and excellent growing conditions, most maize farmers report about 80 percent of the crops are dead, and some have lost the whole crop.

Taipei tops sale of gloves to U.S.

Taipei, March 28 — The Republic of China was the leading exporter of ordinary gloves to the United States last year. It accounted for 28 percent of total imports of this category into the U.S.

This figure has recently been disclosed by the American Department of Commerce, which said that total imports of the Republic of China's gloves last year were worth \$41.20 million, an increase of 33 percent over the

economist Johan Willemse, believes the drought has cut farmers' incomes by 54 percent and that losses may total more than one billion rand (\$960 million).

Maize board general manager Hendrik Nel said recently that there had been no general rain in the maize producing areas since the start of the season in September last year.

This year's maize crop was officially estimated at 8.6 million tons based on conditions at the end of February. That is six million tons down from last year's record harvest.

Local grains traders Kahn and Kahn said last week that if the drought continued for the rest of March and April final production figures could be even lower.

The drought has also hit producers of other cereals.

Financial Roundup

Riyal stays firm on dull day

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 28 — The local markets were reported as being dull Sunday with few transactions taking place both in the Kingdom and through the OBU's — offshore booking units. Riyal deposit rates remained firm however, with rate now at the levels reached two weeks ago before general rate easing took place. The one-month JIBOR rate is now quoted at between 14 1/2 percent compared with 13 1/2 - 13 3/4 percent Wednesday.

The market's opinion was that riyal rates will continue remain stable but with moderate rises forecast in the shorter tenors. Dealers still pointed to continuous liquidity injections and availability of funds in the market and they also noted that riyal deposit had

behaved 'moderately' in the face of fluctuating dollar deposit rates. What also pleased local dealers is that bank borrowing had been well managed this year to avoid a pre-budget 'bunching' of maturities such as that took place in past years prior to the riyals budget. This year, rates are expected to remain stable right through the budget period.

In the Sunday exchanges, spot riyal dollar rates opened at 3.4198-08 but little actual activity kept prices at the opening levels. In the money markets, the week-fixed rate is now quoted at 13 1/2 - 14 1/2 percent while overnight funds are traded at 13 percent levels. In the longer tenors, the one-year rate was stable at 13 1/4 - 14 1/4 percent.

Namibia faces bleak outlook

WINDHOEK, Namibia, March 28 (R) — The lean years are following the years of plenty in the disputed South African-ruled territory of Namibia (South West Africa).

It is not just the 16-year-old Bush war, in which black nationalist forces are fighting for power, but more natural phenomena which are major causes for a downturn in the economy.

Drought and slashed earnings from mineral exports have reversed the economic boom of the seventies. Income from the diamond industry, which in the past has provided more than 50 percent of all government revenue, is expected to be halved this year, according to Finance Secretary Johan Junes.

In the past the diamond industry has generated about 150 million rand (\$144 million) but with falling world demand that has been cut in half, "he said.

A newly-released official economic survey shows that from a high point in the mid-seventies when real annual economic growth touched just over 13 percent, there has been an actual decline in the past three years.

Nearly four times the size of Britain, and with a population of only around one million, Namibia relies heavily on export earnings from its rich mineral deposits.

Jones said exports account for more than 70 percent of Namibia's gross domestic product (GDP). The mining industry alone makes up nearly half of the GDP. "The prob-

lem is base metals are subject to fluctuating demand and at present the world market is unstable," he said.

Apart from diamonds, Namibia also produces copper, zinc, uranium, lead and many other minerals. But the international recession has sent prices plunging.

The war, in which SWAPO (South-West Africa People's Organization) is attempting to end 60 years of South African rule of the territory, has also hurt the economy. "No investor is going to invest when he doesn't know the future," said Jones.

Smuggled goods seized in China

PEKING, March 28 (AFP) — The railway office of the southern province of Jiangxi seized more than six million yuan (\$3 million) in smuggled goods last year, according to the *Workers' Daily*. Tens of thousands of watches, tape-recorders, jade articles, medicinal products and six kilos (13.2 pounds) of gold, 320 kilos (704.8 pounds) of silver and 150,000 silver coins were confiscated by the railway office of Nanchang capital of Jiangxi, the newspaper said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:30 p.m. Saturday	Cash	Transfer
SAMA		
Bahraini Dinar	9.05	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.45
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	279.00
Canadian Dollar	143.50	143.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	129.95	129.35
Dutch Guilder (100)	3.41	3.77
Egyptian Pound	93.00	93.20
Emirates Dirham (100)	44.50	44.85
French Franc (100)	56.50	56.75
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	36.80
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.80
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	26.70	26.20
Italian Lira (10,000)	—	13.95
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.90	9.78
Jordanian Dinar	12.00	11.97
Kuwaiti Dinar	70.10	69.80
Libanese Lira (100)	57.00	56.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	30.20
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	41.45
Philippines Peso (100)	6.20	6.14
Pound Sterling	94.80	94.10
Qatari Rial (100)	—	160.90
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	32.40
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	179.75	179.25
Swiss Franc (100)	57.00	56.50
Syrian Lira (1,000)	—	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.425	3.422
U.S. Dollar	74.90	74.90
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	—
Selling Price	Buying Price	
Gold kg.	36,100	36,900
10 Tulas bar	4,240	4,200
Ounce	1,150	1,110

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6428932, Jeddah.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS				
Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Hail Municipality	Building an annex to the municipality with a garage and workshops;	—	3,500	4.4.1982
" "	Supply and installation of a food quality control laboratory	—	300	3.4.1982
Buraidah Municipality	Supplying 100,000 meters of asphalt mix for Buraidah Streets	—	200	4.4.1982

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 3RD JAMAD AL THANI 1402/28TH MARCH 1982

1. SHIPS DISCHARGING :				
Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
2.	Ioanian Reefer	Star	Eggs/Fruit	23.3.82
3.	New Eagle	Gulf	Sorghum/Rice/Beans	23.3.82
5.	Astir	A.A.	Bagged Barley	24.3.82
6.	Alexandros	A.A.	Bagged Barley	27.3.82
7.	Amsteldiep	Alsaada	Bagged Barley	22.3.82
10.	Star United	Bamaodah	Bagged Barley	14.3.82
11.	Boin	Alsaada	H.L.Life/Gen./Steel	24.3.82
12.	Al Mousa	Abdallah	Durra	25.3.82
13.	Golden Singapore	El Hawi	Contrs/Steel/Plv/Gen.	17.3.82
15.	Saudi Eagle	M.E.S.A.	Garbage Contrs.	27.3.82
16.	Ioannis	Alpha	Timber	23.3.82
17.	Ioannis	Kanoo	Featneces/Marble	27.3.82
18.	Anemos	M.T.A.	Containers	27.3.82
19.	Zeus 1	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	22.3.82
20.	Jeddah Cement 1	Alsaab	Bulk Cement	26.3.82
21.	Arion	S.S.M.S.C.	Timber	27.3.82
22.	Aegle Scope	Alsaada	Bagged Barley/Gen./Plats	23.3.82
23.	Kota Abadi	O.C.E.	Bagged Barley	24.3.82
24.	Char Heng	Abdallah	Gen./Steel/Contrs.	27.3.82
25.	Fadel "G"	El Hawi	Timber	26.3.82
26.	Al Shehabia	H.S.S.C.	Timber/Gen./Units	26.3.82
27.	Bora Universal	O.C.E.	Fruits	24.3.82
28.	Balmoral Universal	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken/Butter	23.3.82
29.	Spartan Reefer	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken	22.3.82
30.	Jale Gourl	Alsaada	Contrs./General	26.3.82

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS OF 16.1402/28.3.1982 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS

1.	Lord Curzon	UEP	Bagged Bar	19.3.82
2.	Asia Samho	SMC	Gen/Steel	25.3.82
3.	Ever Splendor	Alsaada	General	23.3.82
5.	Big Orange	SCSA	General/Rice	27.3.82
7.	Ibn Al Atheer	Kanoo	General	25.3.82
8.	Al Hana	Gosaibi	General	27.3.82
11.	Molda	Alsaab	Steel	23.3.82
15.	Parnassus	Orr	Gen/Steel	22.3.82
17.	Fortune Star	SMC	Gen/Steel	24.3.82
18.	Ibn Abdoun	Kanoo	General	26.3.82
20.	Dong Shaboun	SCSA	Bagged Rice	23.3.82
21.	Safine-Abid	Gosaibi	Cars	27.3.82
27.	Pioneer No. 1	Gosaibi	Bulk Barytes Ore	20.3.82
28.	Scan Eastern	Barber	Bagged Barley	17.3.82
29.	Well Runner	Gosaibi	Bagged Barley	17.3.82
30.	Zinnia	S.E.A.	Bagged Barley	17.3.82

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Bucks give Clippers a thrashing

NEW YORK, March 28 (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks have been consistent at home and on the road. And their consistency seemed to come from Sydney Moncrief.

Moncrief has been the star performer for Milwaukee right through the National Basketball Association season. And Saturday night was no different. Moncrief had a hand in Milwaukee's 128-99 thrashing of the San Diego Clippers which also piloted the Bucks to an unassailable position at the top of the Central Division.

With a one-point defeat at the hands of the Phoenix Suns Friday, in which Moncrief had 32 points, the Bucks were in no mood to entertain another loss. And in the first two quarters of the match, the Clippers, enjoying home advantage, matched the Bucks shot-for-shot. The Bucks' offensive play led it to a six-point first period advantage which was cut to two by half-time. But the Bucks outscored the Clippers in the last two quarters to gain a runaway victory. Marques Johnson scored 27 points and Sidney Moncrief added 23 as the Bucks rode high over a sagging Clippers.

Elsewhere, in NBA, it was Denver 140, Phoenix 134; Atlanta 96, Dallas 85; San Antonio 114, Utah 110.

Phoenix Sun's last quarter rally was in vain as Denver Nuggets struck decisively in the second overtime period for a 140-134 verdict after the regulation period and the first overtime deadlock continued.

Till the 13-point burst in the last quarter, the Suns trailed the Nuggets, which went into halftime with a four-point advantage. The advantage was enhanced in the third period, till the Suns came back strongly and nullified the advantage. The teams were locked 115-115. Both scored 10 points each in the first extra period, till Alex English and Kiki Vandeweghe scored four points apiece in the second overtime to resolve the deadlock.

The Atlanta Hawks enhanced its chances of making it to the playoff from the Eastern Conference with its 96-85 triumph over Dallas Mavericks in a low-scoring match. Eddie Johnson and John Drew scored 21 points each to lead the Hawks past the Mavericks. The Hawks hit the front in the first quarter, with an one-point margin, and never trailed from then on.

George Gervin, one of the leading NBA scorers, tallied 47 points as the San Antonio Spurs handed Utah Jazz its 17th straight loss. But Utah did not give up without a fight in its home encounter. It came on level terms in the second period for a half-time scoreline of 62-62, and ran neck-to-neck in the third, till the Spurs surged away with four decisive points in the final quarter. Final score 114-110.

Frost fights back to tame Luan Jin

WEMBLEY, England March 28 (AP) — Morten Frost halted the Chinese charge Sunday and brought the All-England Badminton men's singles back to Denmark after a five-year gap.

The 23-year-old Dane came from behind to master China's Luan Jin, the Masters champion, 11-15, 15-2, 15-7. The Chinese, who entered the prestigious event for the first time and at one time threatened to dominate it, had to make do with only one of the singles titles. Zhang Ailing defeated Li Lingfei 11-4, 11-6 in an All-Chinese women's final.

Frost, the top seed, won the All-England for the first time. He lost in the semifinals the two previous years. He was the first Dane to take the crown since Flemming Delfs in 1977.

The powerful Chinese team exceeded predictions and got five into the last eight of the men's singles and seven into the last eight of the women's. They appeared heading for a sweep of the singles event as Jin won the first game. Frost tossed up too many short ones and the 23-year-old Chinese smashed with deadly power.

Frost learnt his lesson and used defensive tactics against service in the second game. But he attacked when he had the serve, and cleaned up the game in only eight minutes. In the deciding third game he had a 2-0 lead, and the Chinese never caught up. The Dane led 8-2, then 10-4. Frost went on to 14-4. Jin saved match point and pulled three back before the Dane clinched it.

Frost said: "It has always been my ambi-

tion to win the All-England, which is still the greatest tournament in badminton.

"I thought I had the tougher half of the draw. But I have been playing well this season and probably felt I was in with a chance for the title." In Saturday's semifinals Frost defeated Liem Swie King of Indonesia, the defending champion, who had beaten him in the two previous years. Frost's success brought him the first prize of 1,000 pounds (\$1,800).

Results

Men's singles: Morten Frost (Denmark) beat Luan Jin (China) 11-5, 5-2, 15-7.
Men's doubles: Misbun and Jalani Sidek (Malaysia) beat Billy Gilliland and Dan Travers (Scotland) 8-15, 15-9, 15-10.
Women's singles: Zhang Ailing (China) beat Li Lingfei (China) 11-4, 11-6.

The first title went to the Sidek brothers of Malaysia. The 19-year-old Jalani and the 20-year-old brother beat Billy Gilliland and Dan Travers of Scotland in a fine men's doubles match.

The Malaysian pair had to fight for 50 minutes before getting the better of the tenacious Scots, who won the first game 15-8 and then tightened up to go 9-4 ahead in the second set. The Asian pair, who Saturday had knocked out title-holders Kartono and Rudy Heryanto of Indonesia, built on their opponents' nervousness and drew level at 9-9 in the second game.

In Seven-A-Side Rugby

Australia emerges tops

HONG KONG, March 28 (R) — Australia won the Hong Kong International Seven-A-Side Rugby Union Tournament Sunday, beating the Scottish Border Club 18-14 in the final.

The Scots caused a major upset in the semifinals when they eliminated the British Barbarians, the holders, 18-12. Australia, runners-up last year and victors in 1979, fell 6-0 behind in the opening seconds of the final when Scot Roger Baird broke through for a try which Jim Renwick converted.

But the mighty Australians, who scored 190 points and conceded only 10 on their way to the final of the 20-team contest, soon rallied. They had a much tighter match in the semifinals, needing to go into extra time to beat Fiji 10-6. South Korea beat Japan 32-6 in the final of the Losers' Plate competition.

Meanwhile, South Africa overwhelmed the touring South African Jaguars 50-18 in a Rugby Union match in Pretoria Sunday.

The Springboks, who led only 17-16 at half-time, cut loose in the second half, collecting 33 points as their backline ran in five tries. The match was a personal triumph for Springbok captain Wynand, who led the South Africans on last year's protest-plagued tour of New Zealand and the United States.

The Springbok captain, who was always supporting the backline and hunting for loose

ball, almost scored on three occasions only to loose the ball close to the Jaguar's line. He made only one thrilling try and an appreciative crowd chaired him off the field at the final whistle.

The contribution of the Jaguar captain, veteran Hugo Porta, was also important. He led the day with a personal tally of points from four penalties and one conversion. The young and inexperienced Jaguars, all Argentinians, remained in contention until midway through the second half. They only try came 15 minutes after half time. The Jaguars won the loose scrum from their own line and the ball was spun out to the right wing Alejandro Puccio, who sprinted clear for the try. Porta converted to cut the Springbok lead to 20-18.

This spurred the Springboks into action. With their forwards supplying the backline with a stream of good balls, the South African backs turned on a display of running rugby. Springbok center Lerber ended the day with three tries, fellow-center Willie Du Plessis scored once and his brother left wing Carel Du Plessis also scored a try on his test debut. Right winger Morde Manaree scored two tries. Springbok prop Okkieos Thuzen scored his side's first try 12 minutes into the game after Carel Du Plessis ran over 77-meters and was stopped just short of the Jaguar's line.

On European soil

Superstitious Menotti confident of repeating feat

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, March 28 (AP) — Every morning, Cesar Menotti gets up, drinks a cup of coffee, smokes a cigarette and writes on a blackboard that Argentina will retain the World Soccer Cup in July in Spain.

The invariable routine is just one of the many superstitions held by the blond, 44-year-old coach who led Argentina to the world championship four years ago in Buenos Aires. "There are only 93 days left before we will be champions again," wrote the tall, thin Menotti a few hours before a recent interview with the Associated Press at the Villa Marista Sports Complex just outside this Atlantic seaside resort.

The blackboard is also seen daily by the 23 players who began practice a month ago at Villa Marista, known for its peace and silence and the strong scent of pine trees.

"In know I'm not going to invent any miracle drug. I'm not going to break the sound barrier nor paint like Picasso, but among my objectives winning the World Cup again takes priority in my life and I'm doing my best to accomplish it," said Menotti.

"When the World Cup ended in 1978 and we were champions, at first I thought there were no more sports goals," said Menotti. "But suddenly I found another stimulus — to win again on European territory."

A strong believer in offensive soccer, Menotti thinks his team still lacks the dynamism in attack needed to surprise the tight European defenses. But, he said, he is confident that this problem will be overcome when Mario Kempes — leading scorer in the last World Cup — recovers his characteristic strength and efficient play.

Another worry is the possibility that violent play could dominate in Spain. "Given that what in South America is considered an infraction is considered to be just an ordinary play in Europe," said Menotti. "Whether or not there is violence will depend on the organizers." Menotti said, "but if they want war I will be taking 11 fighters with me."

"I never encourage violence, but everything has its limit," Menotti said. "If they kick me in the ankle I'll respond with soccer, if they hit me again I'll respond with a dribble, but if there are 30 fouls and the referee doesn't say anything you have to realize that the game can't be played, it has to be fought and we're going to be ready for this too."

Regardless of the type of play in Spain, Menotti is convinced that Argentina will win in Group Three, where the defending champions are matched against Belgium, Hungary and El Salvador.

To guard against any possible evil influences, Menotti has a special good luck charm: "I keep in my desk a black box for shining shoes, with my name painted on the side," Menotti said. "A fan gave it to me just in case things don't go well in Spain and I have to look for work as a shoeshine boy."

Even in lighter moments, Menotti rarely smiles. He says he smokes about 50 cigarettes a day, would like to have been a musician and poet and has a passion for politics. In February Menotti harshly criticized the political, social and economic policies followed by Argentina's military government and said that "The people are living badly and the workers need work."

His comments led to speculation that angry military officials might attempt to have him



Cesar Menotti... finds new goal

removed as national selection coach, but no such effort was apparent. Menotti said he is not sorry he made the comments. "I earn a lot of money and it would be easy for me to shut up," he says, "but I believe that I have an obligation to society and even though I am a coach I am an Argentine who lives in this country, who voted five times and who is troubled by the same things that trouble others, principally injustices."

Menotti began his soccer career as a player with the Argentine teams Rosario Central, Racing Club and Boca Juniors. In 1967 he played with the New York Generals before moving on one year later to Santos of Brazil — where he played with soccer superstar Pele.

BRIEFS

LISBON, (AFP) — American Vitaz Gerulaitis beat Bjorn Borg 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 in an exhibition tennis match here Sunday to avenge a recent defeat at the hand of the Swedish ace.

DRAGUIGNAN, Southeast France. (AFP) — Laurent Fignon of France (Renault) won the French International Criterium Cycling Race here Sunday after the third and final stage, a 18.7 km (11½ miles) race against the clock around draguignan. Ireland's Sean Kelly, winner of the recent Paris-Nice race, won Sunday, stage in 26 minutes five seconds.

DONCASTER, England. (R) — King's Glory Saturday landed the first major prize of the 1982 British flat racing season, pulling away in the last furlong to the 25,870 sterling (\$46,570) Lincoln Handicap.

BONN, (AFP) — West Germany's Karl-Heinz Rummenigge who suffered a ligament injury to his right knee in the European Champions Cup match between Bayern Munich and Romania's Universitatea Craiova on March 17, re-started training with some light inverte Saturday.

MUGELLO, Italy. (AP) — Loris Reggiani of Italy won the 500cc class in the first test of the European Motorcycling Championship in this central Italian town recently. Reggiani took his Suzuki Gamma through the 104.9 kilometer 20-lap course in 43 minutes 6.8 seconds in an average speed of 145.9 kilometers per hour.

PARIS, (AFP) — Yet another dispute turned up in the world of Formula One Motor Racing. The Renault and Ferrari teams have lodged formal protests about the weights of some of the cars recorded at a weigh-in after last Sunday's Brazilian Grand Prix. The International Auto-Sport Federation (FISA) has called a meeting of its international appeal committee for April 20 to hear the teams' complaints.

NEW YORK, (AFP) — Wimbledon champion John McEnroe has angrily criticized the decision of Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl not to compete in this year's championships at the all-England. On hearing that Lendl would not be taking part, McEnroe questioned the Czech European and accused him of being "afraid of losing" because he performs less well on a grass surface.

From then on the Sideks were nearly always in the lead with aggressive play, although Gilliland and Travers did manage to square at 7-7 in the third, after trailing 6-2 at one stage.

Jalani was the more impressive of the winning team but his brother gave him fine support, especially when things were not going too well for them. On the losing side, the tall, thin Gilliland, who celebrated his 25th birthday Saturday by becoming the first Scot ever to reach an All-England final made full use of his height while smashing as the stocky Travers defended well and made the openings. Although physically dominated, the Sidek brothers came back with some fine retrieving and varied play.

They were the first Malaysians to win this title since Ng Boon Bee and Gunalan in 1971. Since that year, the doubles had been won by Indonesians nine times out of ten.

Billy Gilliland, had cornered the limelight of the penultimate day of the championships Saturday. He made it to two finals, of which he lost one to the Malaysians Sunday, in the men's doubles and the mixed event with surprise victories.

In the men's doubles, Gilliland and partner Dan Travers beat the South Korean pair of Joo Boonpark and Eun Kun Les in a thriller, and later, Gilliland emphasized his speciality in doubles event by teaming up with England's Karen Chapman to conquer the top-seeded English pair of Mike Tredgett and Nora Perry.

Nicholls nets 3 in Kings' victory

NEW YORK, March 28 (AP) — The Los Angeles Kings were on a goal spree Saturday night in the National Hockey League.

The Kings swept to a 9-4 decision over the Colorado Rockies on three goals of rookie Bernie Nicholls, who has struck thrice on for the third time in his last five games, which broke the 4-4 first two periods' deadlock. The Kings scored five goals in the final period after drawing level with the lone goal in the second before breaking away for good.

In the other action of the night, Mike Bossy's 63rd goal of the season with 24 seconds remaining gave the New York Islanders a 5-4 victory over the Hartford Whalers. The victory stretched the Islanders' unbeaten streak at home to 22 games, while coming into their own and amongst the goals in the final period. The Whalers went into the final period with a goal advantage, which they had held on from the first two periods, before the Islanders scored three in quick succession.

In another closely-contested match, the Minnesota North Stars clinched victory with Ken Solheim's goal. With 1:55 left, Solheim got his fourth goal of the season which proved to be the match-winner in North Stars' 6-5 verdict over Boston Bruins.



OUTSTANDING: American Alpine Skiing World Cup Winner Phil Mahre, who once again beat Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark, in the final of the men's Parallel Slalom event in France, Sunday.

Phil, Maria claim honors

MONTGENEVRE, France, March 28 (AFP) — American Alpine Skiing World Cup winner Phil Mahre continued his domination of Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark to the last here Sunday defeating him in the final of the men's Parallel Slalom event.

Even in this closing, more light-hearted event, which counts only for the final team placings, Mahre was as combative as ever.

In the women's final West Germany's Maria Eppler defeated Lea Soelkner of Austria to take first place.

The Austrian team which went into this final event with the Swiss breathing down their necks took the team trophy for the seventh time thanks to Soelkner's second place and the third and fourth places in the men's event of Hans Enn and Hubert Strolz.

The Austrian task was made easier by the failure of women's World Cup winner Erika

Hess in her quarterfinal race against France's Perrine Pelen and Joel Gaspoz's early defeat in the men's event by Austria's Peter Winsberger.

In Belgrade, Norway's Ole Bremseth won the final event of the World Ski Jump Cup at Planica, the 90 meter, jump, scoring 257.6 points and jumps of 120 and 111 meters ahead of Austria's Hubert Nempner (257.3 points, 118 and 113 meter).

Italian Massimo Rigoni was third (247.3 points, 114 and 109) while World Cup winner Armin Kogler of Austria was fourth with 242.9 points (115 and 108).

Meanwhile, the American team, with new World Cup Cross Country Ski champion Bill Koch going in the final leg, won the International 4x10 kilometers relay in Italy ahead of Norway and Italy.

Japan too good for S. Korea

JACA, Northern Spain, March 28 (AFP) — Japan thrashed South Korea 25-0 on the penultimate day of the Group 'C' World Ice Hockey Championships here Saturday.

The result took Japan's point tally to an invincible 12, ensuring them of first place in the tournament and a promotion to Group 'B'.

Japan showed no mercy to their Asian neighbors, smashing in 11 goals in the first period. They took it easy in the next, netting only four, but in the final period they were on target no less than 10 times.

Yugoslavia beat Bulgaria 7-1 and boosted their chances of earning a promotion into Group 'B'. They now have a two-point lead over their eastern European neighbors, Hun-

gary, who have the difficult task of taking on Japan on Sunday.

Earlier, Hungary beat Bulgaria 7-3 and Yugoslavia beat France 9-5. The promising Hungarians surprisingly went down 2-1 in the first period, but recovered to score five goals in the second while their opponents could net just one. In the final period the Hungarians relaxed a bit and added just one while Bulgaria could make no further headway.

In Klagenfurt, Austria, China beat the Netherlands 8-3 (0-2, 7-1, 1-0) on the final day of the World Group 'B' Championships. In other matches, Switzerland and Romania drew 0-0, Poland and East Germany drew 4-4 and Austria beat Norway 7-4.

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Vöest Linz	1	Admira Wacker 0
SSW Innsbruck	3	Rapid 0
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After 39 years

Ewing, Smith power Georgetown to final

NEW ORLEANS, March 28 (AP) — Georgetown parlayed the finesse of Smith and the power of Patrick Ewing into a 50-46 victory over Louisville in the semifinals of the U.S. National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Basketball Championship Saturday, giving the Hoyas their first chance at a national title since 1943.

Smith, carrying much of the offensive load for foul-troubled Eric "Sleepy" Floyd scored eight straight Georgetown points in a 14-4 run that erased a one-point deficit and produced a nine-point lead. Smith, who averaged only 9.3 points a game in the regular season, scored 14, including an assortment of twisting layups and jump shots to help the Hoyas end Louisville's title hopes.

The victory earned Georgetown the right to meet top-ranked North Carolina Monday night for the National Championship at the superdome. In their only other appearance in the final four, Georgetown lost to Wyoming 51-43 in the 1943 title game.

The Hoyas made that trip ancient history Saturday. Battling Louisville all the way, they intimidated the Cardinals inside, with the 7-foot freshman Ewing backing shots, causing turnovers and harrying shooters.

Even his absence was intimidating. At one point in the second half, Louisville's Derek Smith sent up for a short baselined jumper — when he saw Ewing had moved out into the key, Smith threw his jump shot well over the basket without touching the rim.

Meanwhile, Sam Perkins and James Worthy carried North Carolina down the stretch, and coach Dean Smith's four-corner offense nailed down a 68-63 victory for the top-rated Tar Heels over Houston Saturday in the semifinals.

Worthy and Perkins combined for nine points in the final 9:33, while Houston struggled to cope with North Carolina's spread offense. Leading 52-48, the Tar Heels went into their slowdown, which had drawn so much criticism in recent weeks. It almost cost the Tar Heels the Atlantic Coast Conference title against Virginia, but on Saturday it became a potent offensive weapon.

Worthy, who had scored North Carolina's previous two baskets, was the first to score from the four-corners with a slam dunk that put North Carolina ahead 54-48 with 6:46 left. Then Perkins took over. He drove to the basket and was fouled for a three-point play, and one minute later he hit another layup that gave the Tar Heels a 59-53 lead with 3:33 left.

The Cougars pulled within four, 59-55, on a basket by Clyde Drexler with 2:54 remaining, but North Carolina scored the next six points, all from the foul line, to open a 10-point lead, 65-55, with 2:14 to go.

That was it for Houston, and the victory sent North Carolina into the championship game for the second straight year. The Tar Heels, top-ranked in the country and with a 31-2 record.

With verdict over Carter

Chandler avenges defeat

PHILADELPHIA, March 28 (AP) — Jeff Chandler stopped former classmate Johnny Carter at 2:28 of the sixth round Saturday to successfully defend his World Boxing Association Bantamweight championship for the fifth time.

Chandler, with 15 knockouts, caught Carter on the ropes near his own corner in the nationally televised fight. As Carter spun out, Chandler led with a right and connected with a left hook that staggered the challenger into his corner.

After a standing eight count, Chandler closed in on the nearly defenseless challenger, hitting him repeatedly with left jabs and right hooks before referee Frank Cappocino stopped the fight. For Chandler, 25, the victory was also a measure of revenge since his only loss in the ring had been to Carter in 1975 when both were amateurs. Carter came into this fight ranked second by the WBA.

It was the first championship bantamweight fight between two Americans since 1947. Carter and Chandler both attended the same high school here, but Carter went to Las Vegas after turning pro in 1977 when he could not get fights in Philadelphia.

Chandler, the first American to hold a bantamweight crown since 1950, connected with a good left hook 22 seconds into the fourth round. The champion continued to score with short lefts and uppercuts in clinch fighting and opened a small cut on Carter's right cheek midway through the round.

Chandler seemed to get more confident as the fight progressed, taunting the challenger and several times winding up his right hand in a theatrical show. Carter came out dancing in the first round as he promised he would, but before the first round was over, he was boxing Chandler toe-to-toe.

Carter stopped dancing in the second round, and Chandler began hitting him with uppercuts in the clinches. In the fifth round Cappocino warned Chandler about a hook to the midsection, but took no points from the champion. Carter 24, was amazingly supported by the crowd. Carter got his title shot by stopping Sergio Castro on cuts in the eighth round on Nov. 10 in Atlantic City.

Meanwhile, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, Wilfredo Gomez retained his world boxing Council super bantamweight title for the 14th time Saturday by using two straight rights followed by three left hooks, to stop Mexican challenger Juan "Kid" Meza at 2:28 of the sixth round.



Gerrie Coetzee...kayoes Ledoux

Gomez took control in the second round, and escalated his attack every round until the fifth, when he unleashed combinations to the face and body that left Meza stunned and floundering on the ropes. The champion delivered a vicious right over Meza's left eye that staggered the No. 2 contender just before the bell.

Gomez came out strong in the sixth, scoring repeatedly to Meza's head. The champion was pummeling him against the ropes when referee Harold Valan stopped the fight. Meza was never in the fight except for the first round, when Gomez threw few punches, preferring to stand back and size up his 26-year-old challenger.

It was the first time in 15 months that Gomez defended the crown he took from Yum Dong-Kymin in 1977. Last year, Gomez made an unsuccessful attempt to clinch the WBC featherweight title, but he was knocked out in the eighth round by champion Salvador Sanchez of Mexico. Gomez, 33-1-1, of Puerto Rico, weighed 121 1/4 pounds (54.9 kg), while Meza, 42-6, was 120 3/4 (54.7 kg).

In Johannesburg, South African Gerrie Coetzee knocked out American Snet Ledoux in the eighth round of a 10-round heavyweight boxing bout Sunday.

Coetzee, who has twice unsuccessfully fought for the World Boxing Association (WBA) title, dominated the fight from the start. Ledoux, badly cut over his left eye, had little to offer and his challenge ended in the eighth round when a flurry of blows sent him sliding down the ropes.



GOES DOWN FIGHTING: Australian Peter McNamara, who made top-seeded Jimmy Connors suffer some anxious moments before making the final of Cuore Tennis Tournament in Milan Saturday. McNamara lost 6-1, 2-6, 6-7.

Before bowing out in semis

McNamara gives Connors a fright

MILAN, Italy, March 28 (AP) — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors won a thrilling third set tiebreaker to overcome Australian Peter McNamara 1-6, 6-2, 7-6 in a hard-fought semifinals of the \$350,000 Cuore Tennis Cup Tournament here Saturday night.

The American ace advanced into a tough final against Guillermo Vilas of Argentina who had downed U.S. veteran Sandy Mayer 6-3, 6-3 in the other semifinal.

Sunday's final, awarding the winner a \$70,000 bonus, will be a repeat of last week's one in the Rotterdam tournament, won by the Argentinian. Connors needed two hours and a half to defeat the fourth-seeded Australian, taking a lot of risks in the final set after spoiling five match points.

At one moment Connors trailed McNamara 4-6 in the tiebreaker and struggled to 5-6 through a double fault and a bad mistake of the opponent. A too long lob by McNamara and a winning volley gave Connors a 7-6 lead, the set and the match.

The American, who had been forced to the third set also in the previous round of the Milan competition, the 16th leg of the tennis championship circuit, had been off with a disastrous start. He made a lot of mistakes, while McNamara seemed powerfully and played consistent tennis from the baseline. Connors lost his serve twice, plunged 0-5 and then 1-6.

In the second the American, ranked second in the world, seemed to awake all of a sudden, greatly improved quality of his play, made a decisive break in the sixth game and again in the eighth to win the set at ease.

In the decisive third set Connors climbed to a 5-3 lead after breaking McNamara's serve in the sixth game and appeared heading for an easy win.

McNamara, ranked 10th, annulled four match points in the ninth game fighting stubbornly for any ball and broke Connors' serve to 4-5, regaining confidence. Then both held their serve to 6-6 after Connors missed another match point in the 11th game. The tiebreaker produced a lot of thrill and emotions to fans who warmly applauded both players at the end of the tiring clash.

Vilas, seeded No. 2 in the tournament, had a much easier task against Mayer in a lackluster match which lasted one hour and 14 minutes.

Vilas played consistent tennis from the baseline, passing Mayer with straight shots everytime the American dared moving to the net. Mayer served poorly and his good volleys were erratic, causing little trouble for his more determined and faster opponent.

Mayer, who had eliminated fellow American Brian Teacher in the previous round, made several unforced errors and six double faults. In the sixth game of the second set, the

Argentinian took dose from Mayer, climbing from 0-40 to deuce through a string of well-placed shots. The Argentinian said he improved his play in indoor tournaments by practicing long and hard.

He said he was confident of winning his second straight final in seven days and added he was determined to score victories in some of the major European outdoor tournaments later in the season.

In the women's event, top-seeded Martina Navratilova stopped Anne Smith, and Sylvia Hanika outlasted Wendy Turnbull Saturday to move into the final of the \$300,000 Avon Tennis Championships at Madison Square Garden.

Navratilova took 56 minutes to down Smith 6-4, 6-3, while Hanika eliminated her Australian foe 6-1, 2-6, 7-6.

Both finalists have won all three of their matches in this double-elimination tournament. Navratilova will be going after her fourth winter tour finale title in the last four years.

Navratilova set the tune of the match in the opening game when she broke Smith's serve. But Smith, who is ranked 14th in the world and who owns one career victory over Navratilova in their 16 meetings, used her quick shots to break Martina at love in the sixth game as Navratilova appeared to lose her concentration.

Smith and the Czechoslovakian-born Navratilova, who is now a U.S. citizen, traded breaks again in the eighth and ninth games. But Navratilova took the opening set when she held serve in the 10th game, punctuating the final point with a smash.

In Heritage Classic

Top golfers seen in poor light

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, March 28 (AP) — Frank Conner, a former tennis pro seeking his first victory on the pro golf tour, fought his way through cold, gusty winds to a 1-under-par 70 and a one-stroke lead Saturday in the third round of the \$300,000 Sea Pines-Heritage Classic.

Conner, 36, in his eighth year on the tour, put together a 54-hole total of 207. He was six shots under par for three trips over the difficult harbor town golf link that wends 6,650 yards through piny woods and along the marshes of Calibogue Sound to the red-and-white striped lighthouse that loom behind the 18th green.

Despite a shaky finish with bogeys on three of his last four holes, 22-year-old Fred Couples was second at 208 after a 71. Tom Watson, the current masters champ and a former winner of this event and Hoch were another shot back at 209. Hoch had a 69 in the difficult conditions and Watson managed a 72 despite some erratic iron play.

Doug Tewell and Craig Stadler, each with a round of par 71, were at 210, only three back and well within striking range. Ed Sneed, who made up a lot of ground with a 68, and Australian Bob Shehrer, with a 71, were at 211.

Bill Rogers and Tom Kite, were at 215. Rogers, the 1981 player of the year and defending champion in the Heritage, had a 72 and Kite, last season's leading money-

winner, shot 73. Jerry Pate, a winner last week, went to a 76 and was far, far back at 220.

Meanwhile, Nancy Lopez-Melton hopes to make it back-to-back victories on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour when she goes into Sunday's final round of the \$175,000 women's Kemper Open tied for the lead with veteran Joann Carner.

They shaped the 54-hole lead with 5-under-par total of 214 after Lopez-Melton shot a 4-under-par 69, while Carner had her second-straight 70.

Along in third place, one stroke back, was Amy Alcott, who fired a 69 Saturday for a three-day total of 215. They were the only three golfers in the field to break par at the 6,393-yard, Royal Kaanapali north course, which has proved to be a difficult and different test each day.

Lopez-Melton birdied the 18th hole when her sand wedge hit the pin and stopped less than 2 feet from the hole. Her tap-in birdie enabled her to tie Carner, who had held a 1-stroke lead heading into the third round.

"I'm feeling confident. I'm putting well," said Lopez-Melton, who won last week's Pro-Am tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada, before the LPGA made its first tour stop in Hawaii. "I like playing tied with everybody," she said. "I've only won a few tournaments while being ahead."

Canadian matman ousts U.S. champ

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 28 (AP) — There was the expected and the unexpected as the World Cup of International Wrestling completed its first three rounds of competition Saturday at the University of Toledo.

The expected was a scheduled championship showdown between the United States and the Soviet Union, while the unexpected surfaced in the loss of two matches by the U.S. team to the Canadian entry. The United States and the Soviets tied for the team lead with six points each, while South Korea is third with two points.

The powerful Soviets were perfect in three matches, scoring 10-0 victories over South Korea, Canada and Africa. African nations are playing under one team. The United States was able to defeat Africa and South Korea 10-0, but the U.S. team was held to an 8-2 decision by the Canadians.

Korea's points came on a 7-2 decision over Africa in competition that had no unlimited match. Randy Lewis of the U.S. pinned all three of his opponents in the 62 kilogram (136.5 pounds) class. Lewis was to wrestle the USSR's Victor Alexiev in Sunday's final round.

Howard Harris, who wrestles at 90 kg (298 pounds), pinned his Korean and African opponents. The former NCAA champion was leading in points against Canada's Clark Davis, but Davis turned a move by Harris into a pin at 4:15 of their bout for an upset. Besides the United States-Soviet Union match Sunday, Canada wrestles Korea and then takes on Africa to complete the five-team round-robin competition.

The Soviet Union has won eight of nine World Cup titles. The Soviets could tie the United States and still claim the title because it has won more individual bouts. Two points are awarded each for team-match victory.

Australian bags Seoul Marathon

SEOUL, South Korea, March 28 (AP) — Australian Laurie Whitty, 22, won the 1982 Seoul International Marathon Sunday by covering a 42.195-kilometer (26 miles 385 yards) course in 2 hours, 14 minutes and 34 seconds. His previous best record was 2:13:57.

A Masong, a 20-year-old school teacher from Tanzania, placed second with 2:15:10, and Sweden's Tommy Persson, 27, was third with 2:15:36.

New Zealander Allison Roe, 25, holder of the world women's best time of 2:25:29, won the women's division with 2:43:12.

Some 7,400 runners, including 48 foreigners from 26 countries, participated in the race which was organized to build up South Korea's marathon capability in preparation for the 1988 summer Olympics in Seoul.

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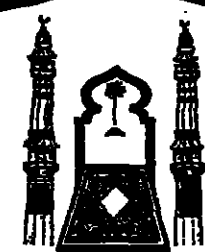
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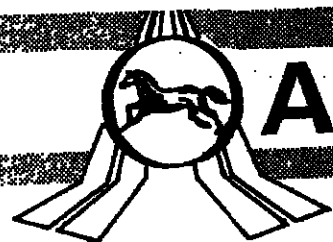
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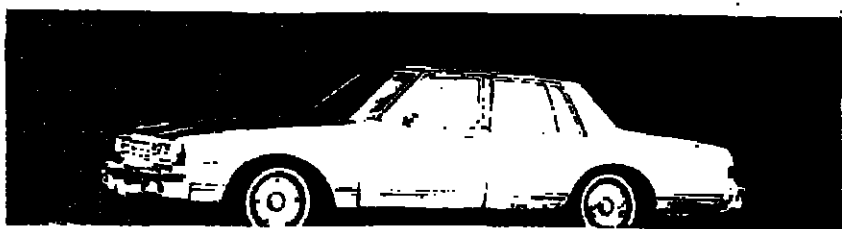
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Salvadorans vote amid firings, blasts

SAN SALVADOR, March 28 (Agencies) — Polling opened Sunday to the sound of machine gun and mortar fire as security forces fought guerrillas trying to disrupt El Salvador's Constituent Assembly elections.

Iran strikers said executed

LONDON, March 28 (Agencies) — Executions of factory strikers and prison rioters and a clash between soldiers and prison guards were reported Sunday by exiled Iranians opposed to the ruling regime.

They said four men and a woman were executed among 50 strikers who have been expelled for stopping work recently at the Pars electrical factory near Tehran.

The stoppage was in response to a plea to prepare for strikes from Massoud Rajavi, the resistance leader living in Paris, said a spokesman in London for the Mujaheddin Khalq opposed to Khomeini. The executed male strikers were identified as Ahmad Jafari, Hossein Gangi, Basfir Giasi and Qassem Kabiri and the woman, Zahra Behboudi.

The spokesman said that according to information received clandestinely in Paris from Iran, about 100 persons were sent to firing squads after riots in Tehran's notorious Evin Prison.

He said the riots, in which eight persons died, were believed to have taken place last month following the display at the prison of the corpse of Mujaheddin leader, Mousa Khatibani, killed in a clash with security forces.

The exiles' spokesman said an armed clash took place Saturday morning between prison guards and soldiers at the Lavizan Barracks in Tehran. There was no information on casualties.

"We don't know the reason for the fighting, but the army is opposed to continuing the war with Iraq while the guards want the war to go on," said the spokesman, who asked not to be named. He said the resistance also had information that over the last three days, "scores of places" were ferrying casualties of the war to Tehran.

A total of 15 opposition "counter-revolutionaries" were killed and 80 wounded in a recent crackdown by Iranian troops in western Azerbaijan province, near the town of Piranshahr, the Iranian daily *Ettelaat* reported Sunday.

Security forces said bombs exploded near two markets but no injuries were reported.

In the San Antonio Abad neighborhood, a group of about 30 guerrillas took over a polling station shortly before it was to open and held it until crack government troops forced them out, killing at least eight guerrillas, residents and a candidate for the assembly said.

Roy Alfonso Archila, an election supervisor and candidate for the National Conciliation Party, said guerrillas seized the Juana Lopez School, the voting place in San Antonio Abad, a poor section of San Salvador. He said troops from the U.S.-trained Atlacatl battalion and an infantry unit from San Carlos took back the polling station about 30 minutes later.

The incident delayed the scheduled opening of the polling station by about an hour. Isolated shooting could be heard in the neighborhood and a helicopter flew overhead. Residents stood outside their houses and watched.

Fighting was reported also from the suburbs of Lomas de Candelaria, San Jacinto and Cuscatancingo. Helicopters flew over the areas, in some of which guerrillas were using heavy machine guns against government troops.

An unidentified Chilean cameraman was shot in the neck while trying to cover the situation in the inner suburb, Mejicanos, informed sources said. He was the second press casualty in two days. A French photographer was fatally wounded Saturday when guerrillas attacked a heavily guarded column of fuel tankers, 60 kms east of here.

Voters who braved the streets to vote Sunday were offered the choice of the centrist Christian Democrats and five right-wing parties to fill 60 assembly seats. The left wing has condemned the election as a farce because it says the poll will legitimize the country's traditional right-wing and military leadership.

In the eastern city of Usulután, 115 kms here, heavy shooting prevented the start of the election. Eyewitnesses said no civilians had ventured out to the streets since daybreak. At Zacatecoluca, near Usulután, guerrillas attacked police headquarters and exploded bombs. There were no reports of casualties.

The polls closed at 5.30 p.m. (2330 GMT). The results should be available by midnight (0600 GMT Monday), according to electoral officials. The United States, which backs the present military government, is pinning its hopes on the outcome of Sunday's election as a way of restoring peace in El Salvador and Central America.

Political sources see the main contenders as President Jose Napoleon Duarte's Christian Democrats and the far-right Nationalist Republican Alliance (Arena) of Maj. Roberto d'Aubuisson.

South Africa develops super weapon

JOHANNESBURG, March 28 (Agencies) — South Africa has developed a devastating "super weapon" capable of carrying nuclear warheads, a Johannesburg newspaper reported Sunday. *The Sunday Times* quoted commandant P.G. Marais, chairman of the South African arms firm Armscor, as saying the new G5 155mm artillery system was more accurate than any similar weapon in the world.

His comments came in the wake of a U.S. congressional report last week which said bungling by the American administration, and probably a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agent, had helped a U.S. firm violate

an arms embargo against South Africa. South Africa has now produced an artillery system which no enemy would be able to disregard, commandant Marais said.

"I personally believe there is at present a major outcry in America about us because people refuse to believe that a country like South Africa could produce a 155mm weapon which makes their system look like toys," he added. Commandant Marais said the system was secretly tested in the Caribbean island of Antigua.

In another development, top-ranking South African generals are urging the government to grant voting rights to coloreds

Guatemalan police discover ex-minister's secret routes

GUATEMALA CITY, March 28 (AP) — Secret doors and hidden passageways, as well as a file of cards listing the names of some citizens, have been found at the home of the man who was interior minister in the Guatemalan government overthrown last week in a coup, a police spokesman said Saturday.

Majority don't want Reagan to run again

NEW YORK, March 28 (AP) — Americans don't want U.S. President Ronald Reagan to seek a second term, according to the majority of those questioned for a *Time* magazine poll released Saturday. Thirty-seven percent of those responding said they hoped Reagan would run again, while 52.5 percent said they hoped he would not.

"Public confidence in his handling of the economy is draining away because of worries about recession and unemployment," the magazine said in its issue for publication Monday. Support for his foreign policy is diminishing amid growing fears about a nuclear war and U.S. intentions in Central America.

Fifty-one percent of the 1,019 registered voters polled in mid-March expressed "doubts and reservations" about the president, although 48 percent said they still trust him.

Irish officer shot dead

LONDON, March 28 (AFP) — A police officer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) was shot dead here Sunday by unidentified gunmen as he was leaving a church after attending morning service. He was the first RUC officer killed in northern Ireland this year. Last Thursday three British soldiers were shot dead in Belfast.

Meanwhile, the government announced it would set up an office to receive complaints from relatives of people reported to have disappeared under the regime of Gen. Fernando Romeo Lucas Garcia.

And a student group that had lapsed into silence in the last years of the Lucas Garcia regime re-emerged Saturday, calling for prosecution of the ousted president and his brother, Gen. Benedicto Lucas Garcia, who had commanded Guatemala's armed forces as chief of the general staff.

As interior minister under Lucas Garcia, Donaldo Alvarez Ruiz had wide authority over the police and security forces, which human rights groups have linked to right-wing death squads and assassinations. Alvarez Ruiz was in Miami, Florida when the government was toppled Tuesday.

The police spokesman, who asked not to be named, said the authorities made their discoveries when they went to Alvarez Ruiz house to prevent pillaging by a mob that broke into it upon hearing of the coup.

He said the doors had been concealed and some narrow passageways may have been designed for escape. There were three ways to get outside, and some passageways led to a concealed garage, the spokesman said.

Passageways also led to hidden chambers where documents and cards and photographs of numerous citizens were found. Some of the cards were marked "no," the police spokesman said. He said authorities were investigating what that meant and were also trying to trace the ownership of the cards.

Gen. Haracio Egberto Maldonado Shad, a member of the three-man junta that took over last Tuesday and the current interior minister, has said that Alvarez Ruiz was "under investigation" along with police officials.

Columbia set to land today as scheduled

HOUSTON, March 28 (R) — Fears of landing problems for the *Columbia* space shuttle have receded after weathermen said the astronauts' desert touchdown spot should be free of windstorms.

Space agency officials in Houston said they expected the third week-long mission of the reusable space orbiter to end on schedule Monday when the *Columbia* lands at the U.S. Army's White Sands missile range in New Mexico.

The officials have discounted the effects of lost insulating tiles, reduced communicating power and other problems that have developed since the shuttle blasted off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida Monday morning.

Weather forecasts at the landing site in southern New Mexico are favorable for a touchdown Monday officials report. The officials have said the mission by astronauts Gordon Fullerton and Jack Louisa, which has already been twice as long as the shuttle's two earlier test flights, is a success.

"The scientists were extremely pleased," flight controller Harold Draughon said during a press briefing. Technicians who prepared an experiment testing the shuttle's physical effects on space and involving the craft's robot arm "are jubilant with the quantity and quality of the data," he said.

Earlier in the mission, space officials canceled another experiment involving the space limb because of television camera failures. The purpose of the mission, the third test flight of four in the \$10 billion program, is to gauge the shuttle's reactions to temperature extremes and its effects on space.

Filipino typhoon kills 8

MANILA, Philippines, March 28 (AP) — Typhoon Nelson battered eight provinces in a weekend strike through the Philippines, killing at least eight persons and leaving about 60,000 others homeless, the Philippine News Agency reported Sunday.

Weathermen said the typhoon moved out to the South China Sea after clobbering the central and southern regions of the Philippines with 185-kilometer-per-hour peak winds.

It was the year's second off-season typhoon to hit the Philippines, which is lashed by an average of 20 typhoons a year, most of them starting in June. Typhoon "Mamie" also hit the southern region last week, leaving 35 dead and damaging crops and property worth about \$10 million.

PNA said most of the eight fatalities were drowning victims, including two old women and an infant, in San Miguel town of Bohol province. In Surigao del Norte Province, three of 25 persons caught by the typhoon in two motorboats drowned when their vessels capsized, it said. The 22 others were rescued.

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Bahrein	18	64	24	75	cloudy	22	72	27	81
Bangkok	25	77	28	82	cloudy	2	36	3	37
Beirut	8	46	16	61	clear	14	58	29	84
Brussels	8	47	15	59	foggy	-2	29	9	48
Cairo	9	48	19	66	cloudy	4	39	14	57
Caracas	18	64	28	82	cloudy	-1	30	11	52
Chicago	-6	20	7	44	clear	10	50	19	66
Copenhagen	3	37	13	55	sunny	3	37	19	66
Dublin	2	36	13	55	clear	10	50	15	59
Frankfurt	1	34	19	66	clear	-1	30	12	54
Geneva	-1	30	15	59	clear	24	75	30	88
Hong Kong	17	63	18	64	clear	2	36	11	52
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	rain	20	68	25	77
Kuala Lumpur	22	73	33	91	rain	5	41	12	54
London	6	43	15	59	clear	-8	18	-1	30
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